



## **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting**

### **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Monday, April 12, 2021  
5:00 PM

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 members of the Beverly Hills City Council and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference/video conference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public can participate by listening to the meeting at <https://www.gotomeet.me/CBHCM/cabinet> or by phone at 1-866-899-4679 or 1-571-317-3116, Access Code: 757-376-845 and offer comment through email at [mayorandcitycouncil@beverlyhills.org](mailto:mayorandcitycouncil@beverlyhills.org)

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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#### **1. Welcome**

- Mayor Bob Wunderlich called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Public Comment**

- None

#### **3. Report from Commission Chairperson**

- Architectural Commission – Sheri Hirschfeld
  - Two projects were reviewed at the last Commission meeting for a project located at 9200 Wilshire Blvd. of a 6-story mixed-use project, as well as a project located at 9744 Wilshire Blvd.; both projects were conditionally approved.
- Arts and Culture Commission – Michael Smooke
  - Update on status of Ai Weiwei sculpture.
  - Nikita artwork installation has begun on the Burton Way median.
  - Art Walk brochure has been distributed.
  - Website for Arts and Culture Commission is operational.
  - Visual Arts Programming now includes a variety of new virtual classes.
  - BH Spring Art Show is in the planning process.
- Charitable Solicitations Commission – Steven Smith
  - All interviews have been completed for applicants of Community Assistance Grants. Selections will be announced shortly.
  - In the process of reviewing the permits of charities holding virtual events.

- Cultural Heritage Commission – Jill Tavelman Collins
  - Upcoming meeting will decide the next six *Golden Shield* nominations to bring forward to City Council before end of fiscal year.
  - Conducting research on different sites to launch the first *Golden Shield* ceremony.
  
- Design Review Commission – Anthony Spann
  - Revisited the goals, roles, and responsibilities of the Commission at last meeting.
  
- Health & Safety Commission – Cathy Baker
  - Commission is practicing mindfulness at their meetings.
  - Employee Excellence Awards were awarded to Public Works employees Robert Sahagun and Michael Hensley.
  - Heard an informational update on smoking including cessation, outreach, enforcement and education.
  - Received COVID-19 public health updates.
  - Introduced a pro-health intermission during monthly meetings called the 'Seventh Inning Stretch' to focus participants on need to stay active during long meetings with stretch relief.
  - Discussed Earthquake Preparedness Month recognized in April.
  - Presentations were given on various aspects of home safety:
    - Electrical safety presentation by One and Done Electric
    - Fire safety presentation by BHFD
    - Home security presentation by BHPD
  
- Human Relations Commission – Ori Blumenfeld
  - Thirty-one applications for Community Assistance Grant funds have been received and are currently being reviewed by ad hoc committees.
  - Ad Hoc representatives will present funding recommendations in May.
  
- Planning Commission – Peter Ostroff
  - Addressed an application for a conditional use permit at 9647 Brighton.
  - Discussed details of the Garden House Project at 8600 Wilshire, including relaxing parking requirements.
  - Special meeting held to discuss various proposals for consideration for the *One Beverly Hills* development.
  
- Public Works Commission – Chuck Alpert
  - Commission is promoting a campaign to use tap water over plastic bottled water.
  - Discussing possible ordinance to present to City Council to restrict the use of single-use plastic cutlery in the City.
  - City will be celebrating Earth Month at the Farmer's Market with a variety of events and services to promote sustainability efforts:
    - Public Works will have a booth with information of the City's sustainability efforts including promoting tap water
    - Free shredding services to the community

- Free compost giveaway
- Promoting virtual activities residents can participate in
- Earth Day virtual art and video contest
- Mayor Wunderlich has joined other Mayors across the country by participating in the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.
  
- Recreation & Parks Commission – Susan Mishler
  - Preschool and Adventure Camp program updates
  - Beverly Hills Little League has started their Spring season
  - Update on current Recreation and Parks programming
  - Update on virtual library programming
  
- Rent Stabilization Commission – Lou Milkowski
  - No meeting due to lack of quorum.
  
- Traffic & Parking Commission – Nooshin Meshkaty
  - Slow Streets Program has begun on 300 block of south Almont to allow slowing down of traffic to maximize streets into more walkable space.
  - Complete Streets is going to City Council on April 20 for consideration.
  - Discussed street surface work, narrowing of the median and including on-street parking after the completion of the Coldwater Canyon water main project.

#### **4. Mayor's Report**

- The Mayor discussed his three focus areas:
  - Continuing health and safety precautions as we emerge from the pandemic to prevent a resurgence; addressing budgetary issues resulting from the pandemic; continuing to provide support to businesses and renters.
  - Positioning Beverly Hills for the future to continue to be attractive to visitors, residents and businesses including adjusting to current trends.
  - Proposal to include a specific location on the City's website providing progress updates and information residents and businesses would need to be prepared for Metro's arrival in the City.
- In addition, the Mayor highlighted the following items:
  - Opening of City Hall to the public and the return of City employees
  - Proposal to continue the option of virtual participation in public meetings
  - The budget process will begin next month
  - Complete Streets will be presented at the next City Council meeting
  - City Hall will be lit up in blue on Wednesday and Thursday in recognition of Israel Independence Day
  - BHPD and the City are actively monitoring the trial of former Police Officer Derek Chauvin preparing to handle any response from the verdict.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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