



Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, April 12, 2021
5:00 PM

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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.

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