



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Virtual Meeting

Next Beverly Hills Committee Meeting

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, March 17, 2022
6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: March 17, 2022 / 6:32 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D., Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Solid Waste Manager James Burnley, Utilities General Manager Robert Welch, Recreation Services Manager Benjamin Johnson, Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa, Chair Tiffany Davis, Vice Chair Noah Eteessami, Allison Adams, Carey Cassidy, Kipton Cronkite, Shawbong Fok, Noelle Freeman, Joel Hile, Irma Hopkins, Julian Javor, Todd Johnson, Andrew Locke, Jake Manaster, Derrick Ontiveros, Ariel Ouziel, Alina Pavlyuk, Charles Smith, Raven Vermeil

1) Public Comment

Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

2) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/ Next Beverly Hills Committee continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/ Next Beverly Hills Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

3) Welcome & Introductions

a. Next Beverly Hills Chair Tiffany Davis and Vice Chair Noah Eteessami

- Chair Davis and Vice Chair Eteessami welcomed the group.
- The Committee thanked Mayor Wunderlich for his leadership.

b. Mayor Robert Wunderlich and Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D.

- Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Gold welcomed the group.

c. Introductions of Prospective New Members and Special Guests

- Jake Manaster was welcomed to the group.
- Director of Public Works Shana Epstein introduced herself and discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Public Works Department.

4) New Business

a. Next Up – City Announcements for the Next Generation

- There was no discussion for this item.

b. Presentation “Organic Waste Management”

- Solid Waste Manager James Burnley discussed organic waste management and climate change, and their role in the solid waste program in the City.

c. Voter Registration Initiative “You Decide What’s NEXT”

- Chair Davis discussed the process of registering to vote.

d. Candidate Interviews

- The Committee discussed questions to ask candidates in the upcoming election.

e. Cultural Unity Project

- The Committee discussed the possibility of having an event dedicated to cultural unity.

f. Next Night

- The Committee discussed the possibility of bringing back the Next Night event, a block party in the City that included food, beverage, entertainment, and more.

g. Subcommittee Reports

- Charity Chair Allison Adams introduced Julian Javor to discuss Pet Rescue Pilots.
- Cultural Chair Joel Hile discussed the cultural calendar which includes upcoming events.
- Art Chair Kipton Cronkite, Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers, and Recreation Services Manager Ben Johnson discussed upcoming art walk events.
- Sustainability Chair Ariel Ouziel discussed water conservation efforts as well as reminded of a beach cleanup event on April 16, 2022 and Earth Day on April 22, 2022.
- First Thursdays Co-Chairs Noelle Freeman and Irma Hopkins relayed the success of the March First Thursdays event and reminded the Committee to save the date for the April 7, 2022 First Thursdays: Games in the Garden.
- Social Outreach Chair Raven Vermeil discussed marketing and promotions for upcoming events and took a group photo of the Committee.

h. City Council Liaisons – Civic Awareness Updates

- Mayor Wunderlich discussed Open BH, a Request for Proposal for an Affordable Housing Project, the potential of a shuttle in the City, the rent eviction moratorium, the rent increase moratorium, a potential rent subsidy program, the possibility of an Early Educational Center Program with the Beverly Hills School District, the Police Department recruitment progress, the “Bob Pod” podcast, the upcoming final Wellness Wednesday Pickleball event on March 30, 2022 at La Cienega Park, the Dance and Fitness Blast event on April 3, 2022, and the upcoming City Council Reorganization Meeting on April 5, 2022, where incoming Mayor Lili Bosse and incoming Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D. will be installed.
- Councilmember Gold discussed the possibility of in-person meetings and the upcoming election in Beverly Hills on June 7, 2022

5) Current Business

a. Chamber of Commerce List of Suggested Future Businesses

- Chair Davis shared the web link for the list of suggested future businesses in the City.

b. 2020 – 2021 Time Capsule

- Chair Davis discussed dates for a potential capsule dedication event.

c. Open Discussion (Share interesting next-gen related info, events, invites, and ideas)

- Chair Davis discussed the Beverly Hills Police Department Citizen Police Academy and mentioned street closures for the Los Angeles Marathon on March 20, 2022.

d. Mark Your Calendar

- Vice Chair Etessami reminded of the following upcoming events:
 - i. April 3, 2022 – Next BH will have a booth at the Dance and Fitness Blast event.
 - ii. April 5, 2022 – City Council Reorganization Meeting where incoming Mayor Lili Bosse and incoming Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D. will be installed.
 - iii. April 7, 2022 – First Thursdays: Games in the Garden
 - iv. April 16, 2022 – Beach Cleanup Event
 - v. April 23-24, 2022 – Earth Day events

6) Future Agenda Items Discussion

- Chair Davis reminded to contact the Committee for any ideas for potential future agenda items.

7) Adjournment

a. The upcoming Next Beverly Hills Committee is scheduled for April 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

- Date / Time: March 17, 2022 / 7:49 PM