

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights **Mon. Feb. 6, 2017**

Below are highlights from the Feb. 6, 2017 mayor's cabinet meeting, a monthly meeting with the mayor and City commission chairs or their representatives. Please note that this meeting is intended to exchange information on commission activities; no official actions are taken.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Architectural Commission (AC) – Chair Gidas Peteris

The signage for the Canon Club was out of compliance and will be revised. The AC is working with Audi on the new façade; the current proposal is installing perforated material. Bernini is undergoing a facade renovation. The owner of 414 N. Rodeo Dr. is renovating by creating generic commercial spaces.

Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Chair Richard Schreiber

In the last month 16 permits were granted and 11 financial statements were reviewed. The CSC approved the changes to provisions in the BH Municipal Code. The main changes are to require event planners and hotel event coordinators to assist with obtaining a permit from the CSC. Other proposed changes include an exemption for City of Beverly Hills organizations such as the City of Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation. Of the 101 events located in Beverly Hills that were permitted by the City of Los Angeles, only 52 were permitted by Beverly Hills.

Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Rebecca Pynoos

Landmarking for the old Samuel Goldwyn estate, under new ownership, is moving forward. A potentially historic property is seeking to be relocated. The City's consultant Steve Price, an expert on mid-century architecture in Trousdale, will be a keynote speaker at an event in Palm Springs.

Design Review Commission (DRC) – Ilene Nathan

The DRC recently considered three new projects and several projects came back for reconsideration. One of the biggest issues is enough staffing for Code Enforcement; e.g. many homes have front yard hedges that are too high, which is a crime safety issue. Code Enforcement only has enough staff to respond to complaints, and can do little proactive work.

Fine Art Commission (FAC) – Chair Alan Kaye

Ongoing projects include maintenance of the Bove piece, looking for a solution to damage to the Kusama piece and signage that will discourage the public from touching

the artwork. A subcommittee of the FAC is looking into purchasing the Lichtenstein piece on the Wallis property.

Health and Safety Commission (HSC) –Chair Daniel Nazarian

The HSC will be focusing on bringing attention to cyber security, including all Internet connected home appliances. Commissioners continue to work on recommendations for banning smoking in multifamily buildings. Some of the issues include marijuana, vaping, how to deal with owner-occupied units and enforcement. Business groups, including the CVB, are very concerned about the impact on tourism.

Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Vice Chair Sonia Berman

The HRC received 19 applications for grant funding, three of which are for Beverly Hills-based cultural organizations. The commission recommended that the City Council pass an urgency ordinance that establishes a registry of rental housing units and reduces the 10% annual rent increase allowance to 3%. At a special meeting 41 people spoke out on the issue. A letter was sent to landlords and tenants informing of changes to City rent control regulations.

Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Joe Shooshani

The PC evaluated one major project: an office building on Wilshire Boulevard, which is the oldest commercial building in the City; exterior elements will be moved inside the building to preserve some of the history. The PC also considered signage for the Metro construction project; they would like to see a solid wall with images rather than a chain link fence. Two projects in the hillside will be removing and importing many tons of dirt.

Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Jeff Wolfe

The water treatment plant is in the final testing phases. Water conservation numbers for January were excellent – 40% over the baseline year of 2013; it shows that people are changing their behavior. Non-potable water from the Coldwater Canyon reservoir is being used for street cleaning, sewer clearing and watering the parkways; the PWC would like to find additional uses. A sidewalk survey is underway to collect data that will be used to prioritize maintenance projects.

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Vice Chair Simone Friedman

A six-month review of the dog park was very positive. People mentioned that they had made new friends while at the park. Among the few concerns was a need for more shade. The Commission decided to allow the young trees to grow before making any changes. Beverly Hills basketball registered 1,300 members, ages 5-15. Two father-daughter Valentine's Day dances are sold out. The RPC is working with the CHS on the commemorative rock at the Electric Fountain. Coldwater Canyon Park needs

improvements for the pre-school. The bike safety program is being changed to a monthly rather than a weekly program and will be rotated to other schools.

Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair David Seidel

A crosswalk at the dog park has been completed. For the Metro project, k-rails are in place and restriping has been completed on Wilshire Boulevard. Construction on N. Santa Monica is underway though somewhat delayed because of the rain. Some businesses on S. Santa Monica were impacted by not being able to unload in front of their stores. Staff is looking into expanded loading zones on adjacent streets.

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