



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison /
Open BH Code Changes and Fees Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday, May 5, 2022
4:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 5, 2022 / 4:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Julian Gold; Councilmember Lester Friedman; Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey; Director of Public Works Shana Epstein (Via Zoom); City Engineer Daren Grilley; City Planner Timothea Tway; City Building Official David Yelton (Via Zoom); Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery; Special Events Coordinator Magdalena Davis; President & CEO of Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Todd Johnson; Barbara Lazaroff and Steve Scott Springer of Spago Restaurant; Rachelle Meredith from E. Baldi Restaurant (Via Zoom); Suzy Hovanesyan from Café Sheera (Via Zoom); David Mihaaroni (Via Zoom); Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Blair Schlechter (Via Zoom)

1) Public Comment

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

- Barbara Lazaroff and Steve Scott Springer from Spago provided public comment.
- Rachelle Meredith from E. Baldi provided public comment.
- David Mihaaroni, property owner, provided public comment.
- Todd Johnson from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce provided public comment.
- Suzy Hovanesyan from Café Sheera provided public comment.

2) Open BH Conversion Code and Fee Structure Subcommittee Meeting #5

- During previous meetings, the subcommittee directed staff to develop a tiered fee system for sidewalk and street rental rates for restaurants who are currently using sidewalk space for open-air dining or street space for parklets.
- The main purpose of this meeting is to further the discussion as it relates to open-air dining fees and discuss sidewalk widths.
- A discussion of how this fee system would interact with parking meter revenues was initiated.
- This proposed tiered fee system will be presented to restaurants who currently have or have previously had open-air dining and parklets. This system would be completely separate from the current Open BH initiative created to accommodate the COVID-19 pandemic. In some cases, this would result in an increase in costs, and in some cases it would result in a decrease of costs for restaurants.
- There are a few more items left to discuss by the subcommittee, generally relating to parklets, before the subcommittee's work is presented to City Council for consideration.
- Depending on what Council determines, the earliest this system could be implemented would be January of 2023.

3) Future Agenda Items

- It was decided to reconvene in one month's time to determine further details.

ADJOURNMENT

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