



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 1, 2022
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: September 1, 2022 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Schwartz, Vice Chair
Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Josette Descalzo, Sergeant Dale
Drummond, Martha Eros, Cindy Gordon, Daren Grilley, Ilene
Knebel, Christian Vasquez

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

Public Comment: An email comment was read from Steve Meyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of August 4, 2022.

2. A Resolution of the Resolution of the Traffic and Parking Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to Be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Comment: Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Traffic and Parking Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Afra-Mahgen to approve the consent calendar items as presented (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Schwartz, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

3. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond informed the Commission of events within the Police Department:

- The Office of Traffic and Safety (OTS) Grant is being renewed for the coming year. Funds are used for overtime related to DUI checkpoints and other traffic enforcement operations.
- There is a DUI Check Point Taking place on North Santa Monica and Crescent Drive at 8:00 PM on September 9th.
- The Photo Red Light Enforcement contract with Conduit has been extended an additional 5 years.
- A Police Department training program where officers can work in other Department Bureaus for possible future career enhancement was discussed.

The Commission commented on the Monthly Report and gave feedback about the private security companies contracted by the City.

4. Community Development Department Planning Division Quarterly Report

Principal Planner Cindy Gordon provided updates on projects in the City:

- The Dior Project, on the 300 block of North Rodeo Drive – Commercial building plans, including an alternative parking facility, will be presented to the Planning Commission on September 8th.
- Two other projects are proposed as part of the alternative parking (fully automated parking) are in the review stages.
- Two Electrical Vehicle Dealerships have been established within the City, with a third and fourth to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- The Cheval Blanc and ONE Beverly Hills Projects are moving forward.
- The "Saks Project" is in early the review stage.

5. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Carmel, Indiana Roundabout Network

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced Carmel, Indiana's City Engineer Jeremy Kashman, who provided a presentation and overview of Carmel's roundabout system. He discussed the safety, cost and efficiency, plus environmental and aesthetic benefits. The Commission commented.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

The Commission took a break at 10:14 AM

The Commission returned at 10:24 AM

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Beverly/Cañon/Lomitas Traffic Safety Analysis

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided background on street characteristics, challenges and past and current evaluations of the Beverly/Cañon/Lomitas intersection. GHD Consultant, Daniel Kehrer, presented the safety analysis to the Commission. Video was presented of various "near miss" collisions at the location. Next steps were discussed. Alternative designs will be presented at a future meeting. The Commission offered comments and feedback.

Public Comment: A text comment was read from an anonymous resident.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

7. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo updated the Commission on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. A PowerPoint was presented about strategic approaches to reduce GHG emissions in the City. Next steps and a timeline were reviewed.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

NEW BUSINESS

8. Neighborhood Slow Streets Program

Transportation Planning Analyst Christian Vasquez reviewed the Neighborhood Slow Streets Program and requested feedback.

Public Comment: Email comments were read from Barbara Gordon, Andrea Spatz and Maryjo Schnitzer.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Schwartz to make the Slow Streets Program Permanent and move this item forward to City Council for approval (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Schwartz, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Ignarro

NOES: None

CARRIED

Commissioner Schwartz left the meeting at 11:45 AM.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

9. Project Update and Follow-up Items

Transportation Planners Jessie Holzer Carpenter and Martha Eros provided updates on projects in the city:

- Grant Funded Pedestrian Crossings; they are out to bid with construction predicted to begin next year.
- Clifton Le Doux Bike Blvd Feasibility Study; Community engagement work plan being developed with consultant, Alta. Community Workshop will be held to create a shared vision for bike boulevard and conduct an audit of the area, looking for existing features to be maintained and/or identifying current issues that should be studied.
- Coldwater Canyon Water Main Replacement; Community meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29th from 6:00pm-7:00pm at Coldwater Canyon Park.
- Transit Feasibility Study community survey released on July 20th with 397 survey responses to date. There will be an outreach hybrid meeting on September 8th with many other public outreach opportunities future meetings both in person and hybrid for local community groups.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from Mark Elliot.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission thanked staff for the varied outreach efforts with the Transit Needs Assessment Survey and inquired about an update for the crosswalks at Cinthia and Elevado.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

City staff advised that Cooling Centers are open. Access the city website for locations and times of availability. www.beverlyhills.org/sunSAFE

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 1, 2022 / 11:54AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022



Sharon Ignarro, M.D., Chair