



**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison /
Open BH Code Changes and Fees Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
2nd Floor Room 280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

Beverly Hills Liaison Committee Meeting
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday, April 6, 2022
11:00 AM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: April 6, 2022 / 11:00 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Julian Gold; Councilmember Lester Friedman; Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey; Deputy City Manager; Gabriella Yap; Director of Public Works Shana Epstein; Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich; City Engineer Daren Grilley; City Planner Timothea Tway; Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Laura Biery; Special Events Coordinator Magdalena Davis; President & CEO of Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Todd Johnson; Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce Blair Schlechter; Brickstar Capital David Mirharooni

VIA ZOOM: Barbara Lazaroff of Spago Restaurant; An unnamed representative from Café Roma

1) Public Comment

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

- Barbara Lazaroff from Spago provided public comment.
- David Miharooni from Brickstar Capital provided public comment.
- Todd Johnson from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce provided public comment.
- Brando Juris from Tatel Restaurant provided public comment.

- 2) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Open BH Code Changes and Fees Ad Hoc Subcommittee** authorizing public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.

New legislation (AB 361) was recently adopted allowing the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Property Owners Task Force Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

The resolution was read into the record and the Liaisons unanimously approved the resolution.

- 3) Open BH Conversion - Dining Code & Fee Structure Subcommittee Meeting #4**

The Liaisons discussed the following guidelines:

Location of Open Air Dining - The Liaison's direction to staff is that it is acceptable for open air dining to extend beyond the façade of the restaurant it serves in certain cases, as long as they are given written permission by the adjacent property owners and tenants. Staff will come back to the liaisons with feedback from the Open BH businesses and members of the community.

Parking - The Liaisons agree with not requiring additional parking for open air dining on private property as long as the open air dining is within the first 40 feet of the sidewalk.

Path of Travel & Clearance for Pedestrian Traffic - The Liaisons are comfortable with grandfathering in the previously existing businesses, but for those going through the new process, they would need to follow the six foot path of travel rule.

Sidewalk Widths - Staff will return with the widths of the sidewalks so that they can use this information to make their determination. Existing restaurants will have a separate process for renewal. If a new restaurant does not believe they can accommodate a six foot path clearance, a separate discretionary process will be created to review a potential five foot path clearance.

Changes to Umbrella Requirements/Standards - The Liaisons are in agreement with umbrellas being inserted into the railing in a pole/sleeve, or standing on the inside of the service space.

Changes to Barrier Requirement/Standards – They are normally required for liquor licenses. Staff will continue to monitor the legislation regulating liquor licenses.

Approval Process for Open Air Dining – Initial Approval of Permit & Renewals

– The Liaisons were in agreement with the ministerial process that was recommended; however, the dining may not extend beyond the facade of the restaurant that it serves unless they are given written permission to do so. For

situations that do not meet this criteria, they would have to go back to the discretion of Planning Staff to recommend to the Planning Commission along with the renewals, if necessary.

Fees – Parameter and Tier Levels - The Liaisons are to revisit the fees with staff and the tiered system where the parklets and the open air dining does have different rates and how to economically incentivize outdoor dining while not necessarily making it a subsidy.

Fiscal Impact - The Liaisons agreed to a ceiling of \$2 psf for open air dining.

Transition Time from Temporary to Permanent – The Open BH program in its current “no fee” state has been extended by the Beverly Hills City Council until December 31, 2022. Existing participants are on a 90-day renewal cycle and must continue to apply for those permits. New permits are still being accepted.

Communication between Subcommittees - Overall parklet regulations, process and work to be shared by and between the OpenBH Design and Operating Standards Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

4) Future Agenda Items

- The next meeting will be held on May 5, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

April 6, 2022 / 12:21 PM