

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

Below are highlights from the Mar. 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 AC considered five projects including a nine-story, eight-unit residential building on Crescent Drive with a modern façade and a condominium building at 8600 Wilshire Blvd. The original proposal for the Wilshire project included glass houses on top; however, they have proved to be unpractical; similar forms will be built using different materials.

Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Chair Richard Schreiber

There was no CSC meeting since the last cabinet meeting.

Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Rebecca Pynoos

No CHC meeting was held recently. As was reported last month, land-marking for the old Samuel Goldwyn estate is moving forward. The City's consultant Steve Price, an expert on mid-century architecture in Trousdale, was keynote speaker at an event in Palm Springs. His book on Trousdale homes was recently published and featured in Architecture Digest.

Design Review Commission (DRC) – Vice Chair Mahnaz Sharifi Ardani

The DRC recently considered six projects. Four were approved with conditions, including an unusual design featuring a convergence of two different styles. Another project was sent to an ad hoc committee for restudy and another was sent back to the designers.

Fine Art Commission (FAC) – Chair Alan Kaye

The FAC has decided not to pursue purchasing the Lichtenstein nor the Serra piece. Staff is investigating whether the City can claim any reimbursement for manufacturing defects in the Kusama piece. The Kentridge piece was delivered in multiple pieces and needs considerable assembly before installation. The FAC is waiting for experts to look at the Bove piece to resolve maintenance issues.

Health and Safety Commission (HSC) – Vice Chair Myra Demeter

The City Council voted to adopt HSC recommendations for additional smoking restrictions, including prohibiting smoking in more public spaces, including 20 feet away from outdoor dining areas. An exception is while actively walking to a destination. A second reading is scheduled for April 4. The HSC continue to work on recommendations for banning smoking in multifamily buildings; one area of concern is enforcement and examples from other cities have been helpful. This month's Health and Safety Award went to the Hatzolah LA for their life-saving work and partnership with the City.

Human Relations Commission (HRC) –Chair Jerald Friedman

The City Council passed an ordinance that establishes a registry of rental housing units and reduces the 10% annual rent increase allowance to 3%, with an appeals process. The HRC received three grant applications for Beverly Hills-based cultural organizations: The Wallis, the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild and Theatre 40.

Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Joe Shooshani

The PC reluctantly approved, with conditions, an application for paving over a front yard to accommodate handicapped access; commissioners discussed how in the future to look into alternatives. The next meeting will include a discussion of a proposal to demolish a potentially historic building on Oakhurst and Wilshire. Since Commissioner Howard Fisher will likely be elected City Treasurer, former commissioner Craig Corwin will come back to serve the remainder of Fisher's term.

Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair David Seidel

The TPC is monitoring efforts at the state level to stop non-handicapped people from taking advantage of handicapped parking privileges. Teacher parking at El Rodeo School has been drastically reduced due to construction at the adjacent country club. Teachers are parking on residential streets, taking up residential parking and sometimes getting tickets. Talks are underway to find a solution.

Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Jeff Wolfe

The water treatment plant is still not operating due to excessive amount of sand in the wells. The PWC is evaluating new water rates, taking into consideration impacts on revenue from water conservation. The Greystone parking lot and access roads are being repaved. The sidewalk survey in the south part of town is complete and will be moving to the north and commercial areas. Vegetation on the City's grass medians had to be cut back because of growth from the rains. The PWC would like to find additional uses for non-potable water from Coldwater Canyon. The City is interviewing engineering firms to help monitor Metro construction.

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Chair Howard Rosoff

Sing-ups for summer camp is ongoing. More than 600 kids signed up for Little League. The La Cienega snack bar will be reopening soon, run by the Lazy Daisy company. Music in the Mansion program will be starting soon. The LA Marathon will run through Beverly Hills on March 19. The RPC is looking at playground equipment for Coldwater Park, which caters to younger children than the City's other parks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mirisch thanked the commissioners for their work over the past year.

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