

## **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights**

**Mon. July 11, 2016**

Below are highlights from the July 11, 2016 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**

One project was considered at the last AC meeting: the Maple Post Office renovation, which will include a small post office as well as general office space.

### **Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Chair Karen Platt**

There was no CSC meeting since the last cabinet meeting. Commissioners had a productive meeting with representatives from the City of Los Angeles solicitations commission; some unpermitted events known to take place in Beverly Hills had obtained permits from Los Angeles. It was requested that Beverly Hills permit information be posted on the City's website. The CSC is proposing changes in the Municipal Code such that City Foundation events would not need a permit but some oversight would be necessary.

### **Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Rebecca Pynoos**

The City Council approved landmark designation for the clock drive-in market and a home on Coldwater Canyon. The CHC may hold a joint meeting with the RPC to consider landmark designation for the lawn bowling field at Roxbury Park. Other projects under consideration are a historic plaque for the Electric Fountain and historic designation for homes on Rexford and San Ysidro drives.

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

One project came before the DRC: a contemporary home on Palm Drive and Carmelita Avenue. It was sent back for restudy because the commission found that the design did not fit into the neighborhood.

### **Fine Art Commission (FAC) –Chair Alan Kaye**

The FAC is still considering an offer from Jamie McCourt to loan a sculpture to the City to be displayed on Rodeo Drive. Brenda Potter ended her term on the commission. Stephanie Vahn was sworn in as a new member of the commission.

### **Health and Safety Commission (HSC) – Commissioner Myra Lurie**

This month's Health and Safety Award went to Rob Karlin of L.A. Funeral Service for his contributions to "Every 15 Minutes" and many other programs. The commission is also highlighting good work combatting a wide range of illnesses and this month recognized

contributions to Cystic Fibrosis and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The HGSC received information on mosquito borne illnesses. National Night Out is Aug. 2, 2016 from 6-9p.m.

### **Human Relations Commission – Chair Karen Popovich-Levyn**

The HRC chair read the City's civility statement. The HRC continues monthly hearings on tenant/ landlord cases. Commissioners met with City Council liaisons to discuss recommendations on a rental registry and relocation fees. The Ambassador Program was continued for a second year of funding; the School District is interested in utilizing the program at El Rodeo School. The 2016 Embrace Civility Award program will get going in August; deadline for nominations is Sept. 30.

### **Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Joe Shooshani**

An ordinance affecting the scale of residential projects in the hillside was passed and will be considered by the City Council in August. Commissioner Craig Corman ended his term. Projects under consideration for the PC include a three-story commercial building on Olympic Boulevard and establishing a view corridor for hillside homes.

### **Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Dr. Sandra Aronberg**

The penalty surcharge has been suspended until a long-term system, which is easier to administer but still encourages reduced water use, can be implemented. The City has an impressive number of solar panels on public buildings that generate a significant portion of the City's energy.

### **Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Commissioner Robert Anderson**

The Thursday night Concerts on Canon have been very successful. A recent concert featuring resident Michael Libow was excellent. Sunday night movie nights are scheduled for July 24, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28. "The Sand Lot" will play July 24. Picklefest will be held Aug. 7. iPalpiti concerts at Greystone were well attended. Construction of the dog park is on schedule for an opening in late summer. Plans for remodeling the La Cienega Community Center are delayed because of discussions over use of the fields for underground water storage. A benefit tennis tournament for the Beverly Hills Police Foundation is planned.

### **Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair Jake Manaster**

Commissioner Licht left to serve on the Planning Commission; the new TPC member is Jay Solnit. Staff and commissioners are holding construction management meetings for the N. Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project; this project plus Metro construction and big private projects will create a challenging traffic situation in the City. TPC members are meeting with southwest homeowners to discuss traffic calming in the area related to a Century City project. A new preferential parking zone was approved; a total of 72 parking zones now exist in the City.

### **Mayor's Report**

A small Black Lives Matter protest was held in Beverly Hills over the weekend without incident. The City received the prestigious Livability Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors for the Ambassador Program; a recent article about the program in the Los Angeles Time was biased and inaccurate. The mayor continues his program to develop a public transportation system using autonomous vehicles. Beverly Hills and other communities and local organizations are opposed to the proposed Metro transportation sales tax increase.

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