



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Recreation and Parks Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: November 14, 2018 / 4:02 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Julian A. Gold, MD, Councilmember Lester Friedman, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Community Services Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault; City Architect Mandana Motahari, Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Frances Bilak, Recreation and Parks Commission Vice Chair Alissa Roston, Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar, Senior Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Venue Coordinator Sara Scrimshaw, Friends Of Greystone Gay Parrish Executive Assistant Linda Kyriazi; Susan Whitman & Jenell Giroux from Whiting Giroux Works, Jason Kupper, Mark Eggerman, Esq., Marcy Kelly Brubaker from Streetscape Beverly Hills, Resident Linda Frank

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Speakers: None

2) PROPOSED DONATION OF TREES AND LANDSCAPING TO NORTHWEST SIDE OF GREYSTONE.

Many trees and shrubbery that have been planted around parts of Greystone have reached their lifespan and this has resulted in a number of trees being removed. As a result of these removals, the views from Greystone to Mr. [Smidt's](#) home have been impacted and Mr. Smidt feels that his property is more exposed to visitors to Greystone and would like to have the trees and shrubbery replaced. Mr. [Smidt](#) would like to pay for the entire project directly.

After a discussion about historic planting, deadline of a planting season approaching, scheduling conflicts with events at Greystone and water usage, an agreement with all concerns needs to be brought to City Council.

3) STRUCTURE OF DECISION MAKING PROCESS AS A RESULT OF LA CIENEGA PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS.

At the November 20, 2018 City Council Meeting, CCP Consultant David Ceppos will be providing to City Council the final results of the La Cienega Public Engagement Process. The City Council will advise Mr. Ceppos what priority items they are interested in being studied with those details being presented at the December 18, 2018 meeting.

The Liaisons requested a matrix of ages of the people who responded in addition to how many people submitted the survey. It was suggested to submit all requested items to the architects and see what the planning costs and budget would then be.

4) VISION FOR GREYSTONE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE RENOVATION OF THE THEATRE

City Council has indicated a desire to accelerate the restoration of the theatre at Greystone. A discussion occurred regarding the desired use of the historic theatre since the design and amenities for a screening room can be different from a performing arts venue.

The primary purpose of Greystone was discussed. Historical Secretary of the Friends of Greystone, Gay Parrish, presented a report of the original theatre; a historic renovation and how it would be used in addition to best use of space and ADA regulations.

Staff to return with a plan and budget since requests to use the theatre as a modern screening room will result in very high-end technology needing to be installed.

5) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN OF THE DOHENY BLOCK OF BEVERLY GARDENS PRK AND POSSIBLE LANDSCAPING OF STREET MEDIAN AT CARMELITA AND OAKHURST.

Staff engaged the services of Jan Ostashay and Associates, the firm that conducted the original research which supported the historic designation of Beverly Gardens Park. Ms. Ostashay studied the proposal and produced a report stating that she does not recommend adding the additional plantings at this location.

Residents Marcy Kelly Brubaker and Linda Frank spoke about their request to install greenery on the residential side of the Doheny Fountain Park to create a visual separation between the homes and the traffic, noise, signage and transients on Doheny Drive.

The Liaisons supported the need to block the view with some treatment without changing the historic nature of Doheny block. It was agreed that a review by a traffic engineer was desirable. Staff to discuss with Community Development to consider as a traffic issue with a presentation to City Council.

6) ADJOURNMENT

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