

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

A. **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Woodell, Commissioner Ettman,  
Commissioner Rorie, Commissioner Bass, Commissioner  
Goldenberg and Chair Anthony.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Saur

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steve Campbell, Manager of Facilities and Field Services  
Division, Department of Public Works, Helen Collins, Sr.  
Administrative Analyst, Facilities and Field Services  
Division and Michelle Bell, Sr. Administrative Specialist,  
Department of Public Works

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda for December 11, 2013

**Motion by Commissioner Bass and seconded by Commissioner Woodell and  
unanimously approved.**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of November 13, 2013.

**Motion by Commissioner Woodell, seconded by Commissioner Bass and  
unanimously approved.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

CATHY BLAVIS, West Hollywood - spoke against demolishing Great Hall/Long Hall.

CHLOE ROSS, West Hollywood - spoke against demolishing Great Hall/Long Hall.

LAUREN MEISTER, West Hollywood - spoke against demolishing Great Hall/Long  
Hall.

THOMAS MEURNUIAN, Los Angeles – spoke in support of restoring buildings at  
Plummer Park.

SOFIA RATCOVICH, West Hollywood – spoke in support of protecting the trees and  
reducing greenhouse gases with the canopies that the trees provide.

COLE HOLBROOK, West Hollywood – spoke against demolishing Great Hall/Long Hall.

STANLEY CHATMAN, West Hollywood – spoke in support of protecting Plummer Park and its buildings.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, West Hollywood – spoke against demolishing buildings at Plummer Park.

TONY ARM, West Hollywood – spoke against demolishing buildings at Plummer Park.

LARRY BLOCK, West Hollywood – spoke against demolishing buildings at Plummer Park and future recommendations from the community.

CHARLIE NICHOLSON, spoke against demolishing buildings at Plummer Park.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, West Hollywood – spoke against demolishing Long Hall/Great Hall.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

A. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

1. Update-Long Range Planning and Mobility Division:  
Georgia Sheridan, Assistant Planner, gave an extensive overview of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan Update as presented in the staff report. She stated that the City is in the process of updating the City's 2003 Pedestrian & Bicycle Mobility Plan which will be presented to the City Council early in 2014.

Commissioner Goldenberg asked about the budget for this item and stated that she did not care for the Willoughby Traffic Diverter that was presented as an option to divert traffic.

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner, stated that they will pursue grants and other funding sources.

Commissioner Anthony supports roundabouts with grass rather than options such as the Willoughby Traffic Diverter.

Bob Cheung stated that the idea is to make the street less auto accessible for bikes and not impact parked cars.

Georgia Sheridan stated that the plans shown were conceptual at this time and that

there were many options to explore.

Commissioner Anthony asked how wide were the green backed Super Sharrows and were they effective.

Georgia Sheridan stated that the Super Sharrow is being used in the Bay Area and in Long Beach. She further stated that it is quite wide. She also told the Commission that the Transportation Commission would be the body making the recommendation to the City Council.

Commissioner Ettman stated that he supported bicycle friendly streets and roundabouts but that un-signalized crossings are a major public safety. He also asked why Sunset Blvd. was not a priority in the presentation.

Commissioner Bass stated that he did not support the Willoughby Diverter and suggested that Romaine be considered for bicycle traffic rather than closing off Willoughby.

Georgia Sheridan stated that they were working with Los Angeles with regards to Romaine. She further stated that they are working with both Los Angeles and Beverly Hills for an east and west bike connection.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

CATHY BLAVIS, West Hollywood - spoke in support of making West Hollywood more bicycle friendly and expressed concerns about the following: construction on the eastside of Santa Monica Blvd., rapid traffic lights at night because they are not safe, the lack of width on Santa Monica Blvd. deems it not safe for a Sharrow and that there should be more enforcement of bicyclists not stopping at stop signs.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, West Hollywood - spoke in support of Sharrows on Santa Monica Blvd. and the cooperation with Los Angeles on opportunities on Willoughby.

#### **ACTION: Receive and file.**

#### **B. Themed Art for Utility Boxes**

1. Demonstration Project-Dept of Human Services and Rent Stabilization: Elisabeth Sandberg, a member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board provided background information and asked that they consideration supporting decorating two utility boxes with gay and lesbian-themed art. The two City utility boxes that have been identified are: Santa Monica Boulevard at Kings Road (near Gelson's); and Santa Monica Boulevard at La Cienega Boulevard (near Raffi's Jewelers). Support the use of \$3,000 from budgeted funds for Gay and Lesbian Programs for this project and that they continue to coordinate the project with Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and the Public Facilities Commission.

Commissioner Bass stated that he supported the item.

Commissioner Ettman spoke in support and asked if local artists had been considered

Laura Watts, Co-curator of Install WeHo stated that the plan is to commission local artist by having an "open call".

**ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg and unanimously carried to support the project as it was presented.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Facilities and Field Services Division:**

1. Update – Steve Campbell and Helen Collins presented an update on City events that require staffing; City Council items that pertain to the purview of the Commission; and miscellaneous items that will be upcoming.

Commissioner Ettman asked for clarification about what items are within the purview of the Public Facilities Commission and he asked about committees in regards to Plummer Park.

Steve Campbell stated that the City Manager and the Economic Development Manger choose the committee members to select the architect but that the Public Facilities Commission will be involved in the Design Steering Committee.

Commissioner Goldberg requested clarification on how the process works.

Commissioner Bass asked if the City Manager would come to the Public Facilities Commission first, in regards to changes to the plan for Plummer Park.

Steve Campbell explained that since the item has already gone to the City Council and that they are making the decisions, one would have to lobby the City Council to be involved at this point.

**8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

STEPHANIE HARKER, West Hollywood - spoke against demolishing Great Hall/Long Hall.

LAURA BOCCOLITTI, West Hollywood - thanked staff for repairing sidewalks on Ogden; spoke against demolishing the buildings at Plummer Park since they are used for meetings.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Steve Campbell stated that a damaged and diseased tree had been removed on Spaulding.

**11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Bass updated the Commission on the September 4, 2013 Dog Park meeting stating the committee is looking at the rules within the City Municipal Code and the etiquette items. Staff is returning with ideas of new areas for off leash dogs.

Commissioner Woodell thanked Scott Smith, Urban Forest and Landscape Supervisor for saving a tree on N. Kings Rd.

Commissioner Bass thanked staff for posting the information about art that is displayed at Plummer Park. He also commented that he hopes that the Commission would be able to weigh in on the final plans for Plummer Park.

Commissioner Rorie thanked the staff, Chair and the speakers. He spoke about the direction that the City Council gave.

Commissioner Goldberg thanked staff for the moving of the Russian Library to a better location. She also thanked Kevin Trudeau and staff for responding and repairing various items at the West Hollywood Pool and that she does not like the art displayed on Santa Monica Blvd.

Commissioner Cole thanked staff and stated that he thought that the Public Facilities commission should be involved in the process every step of the way. He stated that he visited Plummer Park and talked with some of the seniors and children enjoying the park. He further stated that he did not support demolishing Great Hall/Long Hall without community input.

Chair Anthony spoke in support of the speakers and their plight. He also spoke in support of more community visioning at West Hollywood Park and Laurel Park.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the Public Facilities Commission was made by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Cole at 8:45 pm. to their next scheduled meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood Community Room at, West Hollywood Park, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

  
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary