

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
July 8, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Goldenberg, Commissioner Rorie, Commission Anthony and Commissioner Omelczenko, Commissioner Ettman, Vice Chair Saur and Chair Bass.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Department of Public Works, Steve Campbell, Manager of Facilities and Field Services Division, Kevin Trudeau, Superintendent of Facilities and Field Services Division and Helen Collins, Senior Administrative Analyst, Facilities and Field Services Division.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the July 8, 2015 agenda.

**Motion by Commissioner Rorie, seconded by Vice Chair Saur and unanimously approved.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes dated June 10, 2015.

**Motion by Vice Chair Saur, seconded by Commissioner Omelczenko, and unanimously approved.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD – spoke regarding the exercise groups and the drinking fountain at Plummer Park.

CATHY BLAIVIAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD – spoke about the new decorative trash cans at Plummer Park and she wanted to invite the Public Facilities Commissioners to the Historic Preservation Commissions annual gala on July 22, 2015 at Great Hall/Long Hall in Plummer Park.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Arts and Culture**

Andrew Campbell, Arts Administrator introduced the new Public Art Coordinator, Rebecca Ehemann. Ms. Ehemann then went on to provide an update on the current, ongoing and upcoming public arts displays in the City. Following her presentation Ms. Ehemann opened up for questions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Saur stated that she would like to see artwork at Plummer Park along the frontage on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Commissioner Goldenberg inquired about the proposed location of Female Michelangelo Statue being installed at West Hollywood Park. Ms. Ehemann responded that it would be placed in the same location as the current artwork along San Vicente Boulevard.

Commissioner Rorie inquired as to what would happen to the Beast piece of artwork in Plummer Park. Ms. Ehemann stated that it would go into storage. Commissioner Rorie then asked how long the call for projects would take and when something would go up in the interim. Ms. Ehemann responded that the call for projects would take some time and that she is looking for something for that location in the interim.

Commissioner Omelczenko mentioned that he thought there may be better locations in the City for the Rocky and Bullwinkle Statue than the Sunset Strip. Ms. Ehemann responded that the original installation was on Sunset Strip and that the donating family wanted it to stay on Sunset. Commissioner Omelczenko inquired if the decision of the location was brought to the Public Facilities Commission for input. The other Commissioners confirmed that yes it was brought to the Commission. Commissioner Omelczenko mentioned that he had heard there was some controversy with the selection of the Female Michelangelo Statue. Mr. Andrew Campbell responded that the concerns were mostly about the pop-art nature of the art and not about the nudity.

Commissioner Bass congratulated Ms. Ehemann on her new position with the City. Commissioner Bass asked if there was an update on the West Hollywood Park Phase II Phillip Kay Smith piece, since he was the Commission's representative on the art selection process. Ms. Ehemann stated that it is moving forward with some slight changes to the Robertson Commons area, which includes the replacement of the water component with plantings.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff provided an overview of the process and the Commissioners discussed the process as a group.

**ACTION:** postpone the election of the Chair and Vice Chair the August 2015 meeting.

**Motion by Commissioner Saur, seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg, and approved with the following vote:**

6 – Yes (Goldenberg, Rorie, Bass and Saur, Anthony and Ettman)

1 – Abstention (Omelczenko)

Motion passed.

C. Liaisons/Committees

Staff reminded the Commission that they requested staff to agendize designating Liaisons to other Commissions. Staff provided an update on the current practice of other Commissions and Boards as it relates to designated Liaisons.

Commissioner Bass stated that he asked staff to include the Committees and the last time they met. Commissioner Bass discussed the concept of removing some Committees which haven't met in several years like the Greening West Hollywood Committee.

Commissioner Omelczenko asked what the difference is between a standing and ad hoc committee. Staff provided a response.

Commissioner Anthony inquired if this item was to just narrow the existing list or could we add Committees.

Commissioner Ettman stated that he would urge caution when removing Committees since Greening was a priority of the Commission as part of its work plan. Commissioner Rorie agreed with Commissioner Ettman.

Commissioner Ettman mentioned that he would like to see staff create guidance to assist the Commission in jump starting the Committees.

Commissioner Anthony agreed with Commissioner Ettman that we should not disband any Committees.

Commissioner Omelczenko also stated that he agreed with Commissioner Ettman and Anthony. He then inquired if the Commission was involved in the plans for West Hollywood Park. The other Commissioners stated yes, there was one representative from the Commission on the West Hollywood Park Phase II Design Committee. Commissioner Omelczenko questioned the number of representatives.

Commissioner Ettman mentioned that when he spoke at a Council meeting in an effort to add more Commissioners to the West Hollywood Park Phase II Design Committee to no avail.

Commissioner Omelczenko inquired about the City's potential purchase of 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard. The Chair requested to stay on topic. Commissioner Omelczenko stated that he thinks there is value in attending other Commission meetings.

**ACTION:** leave all the Committees/Ad Hoc Committees in place with exception of the Citywide Roof Inspection – Selection Committee Representative. Bring the Committee/Ad Hoc Committee roster back for appointments at the next meeting and bring back for discussion adding a Selection Committee Representative for RFP selections.

**Motion by Commissioner Saur, seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg, and unanimously approved.**

Discussion continued regarding the Liaison Appointments:

Commissioner Bass recommended that when we have an item for a particular Commission or Board that we can appoint a representative to take that item to the relevant Board or Commission. He then used the Transgender Restroom Sign process as an example, where the Commission sent a Representative the Transgender Advisory Board Meeting to get its recommendations on the signs.

Commissioner Omelczenko stated the he was looking at it as a good way to promote communication between the Board and Commissions.

Commissioner Ettman agreed with Commissioner Bass that it should be done on an as needed basis.

Commissioner Saur and Commissioner Rorie concurred with Commissioner Ettman.

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

11. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff provided Commissioner Goldenberg an update date on her ongoing concern with the inoperable clock at the south west corner of Fairfax Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Staff provided a brief update on the Automated Parking Garage behind City Hall and informed the Commission that the Plaza (which they had input on) will most likely be opened prior to the opening of the Garage.

Staff let the Commission know that the Council has asked the staff start scheduling workshop with the Commissions on different topics under the individual

Commissions purview, such as drought tolerant planting and the development process.

Commissioner Saur commented that it sounds interesting.

Commissioner Rorie inquired how development ties into the Commission, staff responded street trees. Commissioner Rorie suggested that perhaps we could get an overview on how buildings/projects are created from the beginning to the end.

Commissioner Omelczenko concurred with Commissioner Rorie's suggestion.

Commissioner Bass stated that he would like to make sure that the topics being discussed in the workshops are germane to the Commissions purview.

Kevin Trudeau provided a maintenance activity update and following the update it was opened up for questions.

Commissioner Goldenberg inquired about the benches at Plummer Park that were removed and asked if they could be returned. Staff stated that they would take a look.

## **12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Omelczenko asked about the City's plans to purchase the property at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Commissioner Omelczenko inquired about the Transgender Restroom signs and he mentioned concerns with the exercise groups at the parks. Staff responded that the commercial businesses are not required to use the sign the City is using they can use gender neutral signs. Staff added that Recreation is working on Park rules to address the exercise groups.

Commissioner Rorie mentioned that the purchase of the property at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard is a recent development and he hopes the Commission has an opportunity to discuss the use of the location as a park.

Commissioner Ettman mentioned his dislike of the new dog waste stations, staff responded that they are looking into some other options.

Commissioner Goldenberg mentioned that she is still hoping that the Laurel property will be considered for low income housing.

Commissioner Saur mentioned that more trash cans are needed on the eastside of town especially around the Gateway.

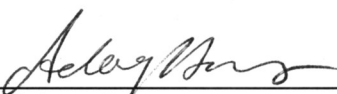
Commissioner Bass stated that he agrees that the Commission should be involved and ready to make recommendations about the use of the property at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard.


13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Action: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

**Motion by Commissioner Ettman, seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg, and unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned, at 8:20 pm to their next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) at, West Hollywood Park, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

  
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Chair, Adam Bass

  
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