CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rorie called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair Rorie, Commissioner Dolan, Commissioner

Omelczenko. Commissioner Bass. Commissioner

Buckles and Commissioner Saur

ABSENT: Vice Chair Rodriguez.

ALSO PRESENT: Steve Campbell, Manager, Facilities & Field Services

Division and Helen Collins, Senior Administrative

Analyst, Facilities and Field Services

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Chair Rorie led the pledge.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the April 12, 2017 Agenda. Motion by Commissioner Dolan, seconded by Commissioner Saur and unanimously approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approved the meeting minutes dated March 8, 2017. **Motion by** Commissioner Omelczenko, seconded by Commissioner Buckles and unanimously approved.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the landscape improvements at Plummer Park and mentioned that the rain improved the entire City. She also spoke about the planting of 4 replacement trees on the Fuller side of Plummer Park. Ms. Blaivas also spoke about the limitations on car sizes at the Automated Garage and the lack of handicap parking at City Hall if the person's car does not fit in the Garage.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Automated Garage and the kinks in the system. She spoke about ADA Access at Hart Park and inquired about the timeline and the \$9 million dollars for Plummer Park.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Mayor Pro Tempore and his involvement with the Housing Corporation in regards to politics. He then went on to mention the 82% rent increase at Sierra Bonita.

- 6. **CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**
- 7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**
- 8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> NONE.

A. Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan

SUBJECT: The Public Facilities Commission received an update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan from, Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner, Community Development Department. Mr. Cheung provided the Commission with a comprehensive update and responded to the Commissioner's questions which focused on the types of traffic calming mechanisms and concerns regarding the current traffic rules on and around Willoughby and also on and around Fountain.

Public Comment

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the 2262 new parking spaces created by all of the new housing units on the Eastside of the City as it pertained to cars versus bicycles and accidents. She then inquired if any thought has been given to finding a way to protect cyclists and about doing driver re-education. Ms. Harker also spoke about the need for a crosswalk at Santa Monica and Greenacre, especially with the new Trader Joe's going in.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, mentioned that he does not agree with the Disability Advisory Board, that disabled people should ride bicycles. He also spoke about the conditions when walking on Fountain. Mr. Wojtkielewicz also spoke regarding bicycle safety and automated bicycles.

ACTION: The Commission received and filed the Draft Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Saur, seconded by Chair Rorie which passed with 5-1 vote with Commissioner Bass registering a no vote due to his concerns regarding the proposed changes to Willoughby.

B. 2017-2018 Budget Mid-Cycle

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the 2017-2018 Budget Mid-Cycle Capital Improvement Projects for the Facilities and Field Services Division and staff responded to the Commissioners questions.

Public Comment:

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, mentioned that she was happy to hear about the conservation efforts, podcasting and the Playhouse. She then inquired about the Laurel House and the status of the Plummer Park Project and the 9 million dollars.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about disabled

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people and bicycles and then he spoke about the City not caring about accessibility.

ACTION: The Commission received and filed the 2017-2018 Budget Mid-Cycle Update.

Motion by Commissioner Bass, seconded by Commissioner Buckles and unanimously approved.

C. Arbor Day - April 22, 2017

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on Arbor Day Celebration event set for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Pacific Hills School, 8628 Holloway Drive.

Public Comment, None.

ACTION: The Commission received and filed the Arbor Day update.

Motion by Commissioner Dolan, seconded by Chair Rorie and unanimously approved.

- 9. **NEW BUSINESS: NONE.**
- 10. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.
- 12. **ITEMS FROM STAFF: NONE.**

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

Commissioner Saur spoke about maintenance at Laurel Park.

Chair Rorie asked staff to clarify the Commission's purview as it relates to the Automated Parking Garage. Staff clarified the Commission played a role in the development of the landscaping and courtyard but the operation of the Garage does not fall under the purview of the Commission. The chair spoke regarding having a future meeting at a different public facility.

Commissioner Bass mentioned that he preferred having the Commission meetings at the Library. He also mentioned that he would like to hear an update on Laurel Park, Plummer Park and the Playhouse.

Commissioner Buckles had no comments.

Commissioner Omelczenko mentioned that he would be interested in an update on Laurel Park, Plummer Park and the property at the corner of Santa Monica Blvd and Crescent Heights. He also inquired about a pest issue at the Library. Staff discussed the issue and assured the Commission that it is being addressed.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned, at 8:41 p.m. to its next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room (City Hall) at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA. 90069.

Helen Collins, Recording Secretary

Frank Rorie, Chair

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