

**MINUTES
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
TELECONFERENCE**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Polachek called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Isaacs; Commissioner Karliss; Commissioner Solomon; Commissioner Torres (left meeting early); Vice Chair Mason; and Chair Polachek.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager; David Fenn, AICP, Associate Planner; Erin Hamant, Senior Administrative Analyst; and Debbie Gonzalez, Administrative Coordinator.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Commissioner Karliss.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the August 11, 2021 Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Karliss, seconded by Commissioner Torres, and approved unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes, dated July 14, 2021, of the prior Public Facilities Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Isaacs, seconded by Commissioner Karliss, and approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the condition of the plantings at Havenhurst Park.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT MOTION:

Commissioner Torres requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jin Yu.

The Commissioners thanked staff for hosting the Racial Justice Conversation Training.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **BEVERLY TRIANGLE PLAZA CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the Beverly Triangle Plaza Project and provide input on the preliminary conceptual design.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about public spaces on private property versus public spaces on public property. He spoke against the size and enclosed design of the art structure and how it can compromise public safety.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the proposed art structure. She spoke about landscape alternatives for the site.

RICK FORREST, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the proposed art structure. He expressed concern with safety due to the enclosed structure. He spoke about the impact on parking and traffic.

SHERIE STARK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the negative impact the proposed project will have on parking. She spoke about the art structure blocking visibility of the businesses. She expressed concern with Bonner Drive being an access point to the parking.

JOEL BECKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, applauded the designer of the structure; however, he expressed that the design is not fitting for the West Hollywood community. He expressed that the space should include more shade and benches.

LISA SWEENEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the art structure. She expressed concern with public safety. She suggested looking at alternative options for the space.

JAMES AGNEW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented as the general manager of Leica in West Hollywood. He spoke regarding public safety with the unhoused community. He spoke about the visibility of his store and how it could be compromised. He expressed concern with the parking access via Bonner Drive.

HELENE WILBOURNE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, shared that she lives near the proposed project. She spoke regarding safety when exiting her driveway. She expressed increased concern regarding the unhoused community. She spoke about the nuisance of people smoking near the residents' homes. She would like to request a special meeting with the residents of Bonner Drive who are directly impacted.

JOHN BELVICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the proposed project. He is asking that staff listen to the community's input regarding the project and propose something that everyone can support.

Additional Correspondence emailed before 4pm on 8-11-21 and included as part of the agenda packet:

- **HOWARD MELTZER, WEST HOLLYWOOD**
- **BILL FEASTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD**
- **NINA PARKINSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD**

Commissioner Solomon inquired about the parking revenue for the current parking spaces. Staff is unsure what the revenue amount is as the Parking Division oversees that.

Vice Chair Mason asked if they received recommendations from transportation regarding the safety concerns on Bonner Drive. Staff spoke about the recommendations they received from the City's Traffic Engineer and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Specialist.

Chair Polachek inquired if the parking spaces only serve the businesses in that plaza. Staff stated that the spaces can be used by the public visiting any business in the area. Polachek inquired about the maintenance of the sculpture and the pavers and if any coating will be applied. Staff spoke about the different application that would be considered for the pavers and the sculpture.

Commissioner Solomon thanked staff and the team for their work on the design. He thanked the public for speaking and providing their comments and concerns about the project.

Commissioner Karliss thanked staff for the presentation and the public for providing their input. He spoke about the community survey and emphasized the residents desire for more greenspace. He spoke about the art structure and expressed concern with safety. Karliss discussed using green options for the gathering space in place of the proposed structure.

Commissioner Isaacs expressed concern with the traffic that will be created on Bonner Drive. She spoke about the size of the structure and expressed safety concerns.

Vice Chair Mason thanked the sculpture artist and staff. He spoke regarding the art structure and expressed concern with the maintenance of it. Mason spoke about reducing the parking spaces.

Chair Polachek spoke about the size of the sculpture. She expressed concern regarding the parking access through Bonner Drive. Polachek encouraged staff to listen to the public's concerns regarding safety and security.

ACTION: Receive and File.

B. UPDATE TO ANNUAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: The Commission will review its schedule of regular meetings and consider various recommendations by staff to amend dates.

Commissioner Solomon and Vice Chair Mason requested a progress report on the West Hollywood Park Project.

Commissioner Karliss suggested having a virtual tour of the City Facilities.

ACTION 1: Cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Facilities Commission on September 8, 2021. Motion by Chair Polachek, seconded by Vice Chair Mason.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacs - Yes
Commissioner Karliss - Yes
Commissioner Solomon - Yes
Vice Chair Mason - Yes
Chair Polachek – Yes

ACTION 2: Cancel the in-person Annual Tour of City Facilities for Calendar Year 2021 and look at the possibility of having a virtual tour in November. Motion by Vice Chair Mason, Seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacs - Yes
Commissioner Karliss - Yes
Commissioner Solomon - Yes
Vice Chair Mason - Yes
Chair Polachek – Yes

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE TO 2021 GREEN CITY AWARDS PROGRAM

SUBJECT: The Commission will receive an update on the 2021 Green City Awards Program timeline.

Staff introduced the item and provided an update.

ACTION: Approve the Green City Awards Ceremony to take place at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Facilities Commission on November 10, 2021. Motion by Commissioner Solomon, Seconded by Commissioner Karliss.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Isaacs - Yes
Commissioner Karliss - Yes
Commissioner Solomon - Yes
Vice Chair Mason - Yes
Chair Polachek - Yes

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff provided an update on the West Hollywood Park Project and shared opening items. Staff provided an update on the upcoming Pet Tribute public meetings. Staff thanked everyone for attending the Racial Justice Conversation training.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Isaacs thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and sharing their input.

Commissioner Karliss thanked the community for their input.

Commissioner Solomon is pleased with the public input at tonight's meeting. He spoke regarding the subcommittees.

Vice Chair Mason thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Chair Polachek thanked staff and the members of the public for their participation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Facilities Commission meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. in memory of Jin Yu to its next Regular meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Teleconference.*

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Debbie Gonzalez, Recording Secretary

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Elaine Polachek, Chair