

COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Saturday, June 14, 2003
Le Parc Hotel
ACTION ITEMS

I. STATUS OF STRATEGIC GOALS & REVIEW OF MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- I. No action items.

II. FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE GOALS

1. Designate fund-raising activities for the Library to be chaired by Abbe Land and John Heilman.
2. Schedule a meeting among the Council and the judges in the Beverly Hills courthouse.
3. Add a new category called "Conformance with Strategic Plan" to every Council agenda report and agendize regularly a strategic plan update item.
4. Facilitate more Council meetings at Plummer Park and create a cultural resource by enhancing acoustics and lighting and making other improvements to Fiesta Hall.
5. Create policies for residential code compliance to better address property maintenance standards on the City's aging and other housing stock.

III. COMMISSIONS & ADVISORY BOARDS

1. Agendize for discussion, the standardization of the size and the method of appointment of commissions and advisory boards, and require that they prepare and deliver an annual work plan and report to the Council.*
2. Amend the duties of the Business License Commission to provide that it meets only as needed to address modifications and/or revocations of business licenses.*
3. Agendize for discussion, changing the membership of the Cultural Heritage Commission to provide for 5 direct appointments (w/o special qualifications) and two at-large appointments (with special qualifications – architectural and cultural historian).*

4. Change the name of the Fine Arts Commission to the "Cultural Affairs Commission", add cultural events to their jurisdiction, and delete those events from the jurisdiction of the Human Services Commission.*
5. Agendize for discussion changing the terms of all commission members to two years, so that all 7 members of each commission will have the same term. Also discuss providing that a person may sit on no more than one commission or board at the same time.*
6. Review the meeting schedules of all commissions and boards for consistency and necessity.*
7. Clarify the role of the advisory boards to:
 - Provide recommendations on state & federal legislation as it pertains to their board
 - Assist in program
 - Advise on issues as they arise
 - Submit a 2-year workplan to Council
 - Provide an annual report to Council
8. Schedule an annual "Congress" of commissions and boards (separately) with a thank-you lunch and a 10 minute report by each entity.
9. Establish rules regarding attendance by commissioners and board members at training programs; provide that if members do not attend a minimum number, their names will be presented to the Council for consequences.
10. Phase out the PAC when the Gateway project is dedicated and replace it with a commission or advisory board appointed by Council.
11. Agendize for discussion folding the Transgender Task Force into the LGAB.
12. Direct the Public Safety Commission to take on issues of:
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Emergency Preparation
 - Community emergency responses
 - Domestic violence
 - Involving the Fire Department in community services, and
 - Neighborhood livability
13. Replace joint study session at Council meetings by forming two-member subcommittees to meet with commissions when issues of common interest arise.

14. Restructure Chairs meetings to occur semi-annually, to focus on work programs, and to include staff liaisons.

15. Send Action Summaries of Council meetings to the board and commission Chairs.

IV. OTHER ISSUES – GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Prepare guidelines for individual Councilmember web pages and the City's web page.

2. Require Council Deputies to attend Deputies meetings and Agenda meetings, barring sickness or vacation. Staff will provide a schedule to the Council offices.

3. Consider Sister City affiliations based on either: 1) economic development opportunities, or 2) a mutual interest in advancing similar social values, or 3) situations where West Hollywood can provide meaningful assistance and mentoring. At this juncture, Sydney appears to fall into category 1, and should be pursued.

V. FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION & CLARIFICATION

1. Expand the duties of the Rent Stabilization Commission or limit role to current code. *

2. Disallow pursuit of Cultural Heritage designations once developers are engaged in the process. Change the provisions regarding cultural resources to delete thematic districts that are not geographically based.*

*** Will require an Amendment to the Municipal Code**