

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL APRIL 10, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMEND THE DESIGN COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

On September 19, 2005, City Council approved a recommendation to amend the Pasadena Municipal Code to change the membership of the Design Commission to include representatives of the Transportation Advisory Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission; and to remove the representative of the Community Development Committee and one at-large appointment. The Council did not approve additional recommendations regarding requirements for professional background for the Arts & Culture Commission and the Transportation Advisory Commission.

During discussion, the City Council requested that the commissions impacted by this decision be asked to comment on the changes. Each of the affected commissions was asked to review and comment on the recommended Commission revisions. The commissions took the following actions:

#### Arts & Culture Commission

On February 8, 2006, the Arts & Culture Commission voted to concur with the staff recommendation and agree with the change in the Ordinance.

#### Transportation Advisory Commission

On December 1, 2005, the TAC voted to concur with the staff recommendation and agree with the change in the Ordinance.

#### Design Commission

On March 13, 2006, the Design Commission voted to:

- Support replacement of the representative from the Community Development Committee with a representative from the Arts & Culture Commission;

- Support replacement of an at-large member of the commission with a representative from the Transportation Advisory Commission;
- Recommended that the representative members from the Arts & Culture Commission and the Transportation Advisory Commission serve at least a one-year term and not rotate among member of those commissions; and
- Recommend that the representative members from the Arts & Culture Commission and the Transportation Advisory Commission understand what the Design Commission reviews and that they have an aptitude for reading architectural drawings.

The Design Commission also adopted an alternative recommendation to:

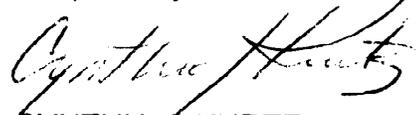
- Reduce the size of the Design Commission from nine members to seven members and to retain the representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission.

#### Community Development Commission

On January 13, 2006, the CDC voted to oppose the recommendation contained in the City Council Agenda Report dated September 19, 2005 as written and instead approved the following recommendations:

- That City Council increase the number of Design Commissioners from nine to eleven members;
- That City Council retain a CDC representative as a member of the Design Commission;
- That City Council specify that the qualifications of the CDC member representative include professional training and/or experience in affordable housing and/or economic development; and
- Clarify that the qualifications for the Transportation Advisory Commission member be professionally trained in traffic and transportation engineering.

Respectfully submitted,



CYNTHIA J. KURTZ  
City Manager

Vice Mayor Madison expressed concerns about addressing the competing opinions from staff and the community on the technical aspects of the project and the possible need for an environmental impact report.

The City Attorney clarified the process that would be allowed under the Pasadena Municipal Code for the project, and the issue of requiring an environmental impact report for the project.

The City Manager noted Council could require the geotechnical, geological, and hydrology studies be completed prior to granting the Hillside Development Permit and Tentative Parcel Map.

Discussion followed on the possible level of review during the process, requirements for public notification during the ongoing approval process, and the possible need for additional review of the Hillside Ordinance in the future.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the project and/or expressed concerns:

Mr. Dale Pelch, representing Charles and Carolyn Miller  
Mr. Bob Thorell, Pasadena resident  
Dr. Lee Miller Parks, Pasadena resident  
Mr. Ed Bedrosian, Pasadena resident  
Ms. Carolyn Miller, Pasadena resident

The following persons spoke in support of the project:

Mr. Al Moses, representing Chris Madison (applicant) and Dennis Smith  
Mr. Dennis Smith, architect for Buff, Smith & Hensman, representing Chris Madison (applicant)  
Mr. Richard Dunn, Pasadena resident  
Mr. Chris Madison, applicant

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to direct staff to complete the studies required by Condition Nos. 12 and 13 as set forth in Attachment A of the agenda report, to re-circulate the environmental documents with the technical studies for the required 20 days, and to re-notice a continued public hearing before the City Council to consider final action on the Tentative Parcel Map and the Hillside Development Permit. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streater)

**ORDINANCE – FIRST  
READING**

**Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTIONS 2.80.030 AND 2.80.040 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION"**

The Mayor noted that John Kennedy, Chair of the Community Development Committee, had submitted a letter requesting that this item be held until the matter could be reviewed at a Committee meeting, and that a note had been submitted by the Design Commission also requesting that this item be held until the Design Commission could consider and offer its comments on this matter.

Councilmember Little suggested holding this item to allow the opportunity for the Design Commission to present its comments on the membership change.

The City Attorney affirmed Council's right to delay first reading of the ordinance.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Vice Mayor Madison, to hold the ordinance for 60-75 days and to request recommendations regarding the membership change from the impacted commissions/committee: Arts and Culture Commission, Community Development Committee, Design Commission, and Transportation Advisory Commission. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streator)

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **PUBLIC HEARING: HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES PAVILION - ZONE CHANGE, MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT, USE PERMIT NO. 4594 INCLUDING MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCES**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council, following a public hearing:

- (1) Adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (Attachment H of the agenda report);
- (2) Approve a Finding of De Minimis Impact on State Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Attachment I of the agenda report);
- (3) Find that the Zoning Map amendment and Master Development Plan amendments are consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the General Plan and make the findings required by Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.74.070.B (Attachments A and B of the agenda report);
- (4) Approve the Zoning Map amendment to change from PS (Public and Semi-Public) to IG/SP-2 (Industrial/South Fair Oaks Specific Plan) for a portion of the project site as shown in Attachment F of the agenda report;
- (5) Adopt a resolution amending the Huntington Memorial Hospital Master Development Plan to remove a portion of the project site, shown in Attachment F of the agenda report, from the Master Development Plan area and also the associated development entitlement (Attachment G of the agenda report);
- (6) Approve the Minor Conditional Use Permit for a project in a Transit-Oriented Development district, with the Findings and



# Ordinance Fact Sheet

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** APRIL 3, 2006

**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGN COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

**TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 2, TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION**

**PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE**

This ordinance implements and codifies the amendment to the composition of the Design Commission as approved by the City Council on September 19, 2005, to revise the membership requirements and qualifications for the Design Commission. The Council then referred the matter back to various Commissions for comment. Those comments have now been received and are presented separately.

**REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED**

This legislation is needed to ensure that the membership of the Design Commission is made up of individuals qualified to carry out the Commission's duties under the Pasadena Municipal Code.

**PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED**

The Mayor's Office, City Council and various commissions will implement the proposed ordinance as appointments to the Design Commission are made.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There will not be a fiscal impact as a result of this amendment to Title 2.

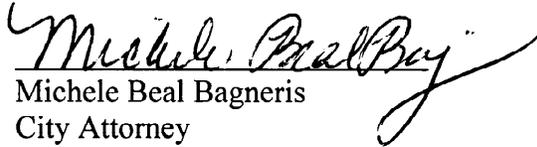
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.1.

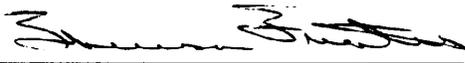
**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

This policy amendment to Title 2 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

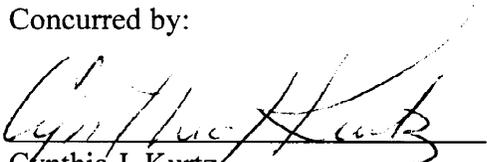
Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Attorney

Prepared by:

  
Theresa E. Fuentes  
Deputy City Attorney

Concurred by:

  
Cynthia J. Kurtz  
City Manager

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 2, TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION**

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Title 2, Chapter 80, Section 30, which governs the membership of the Design Commission, is amended as follows:

**“2.80.030 Membership – Appointment and terms.**

- A. The commission shall consist of 9 members, who shall be appointed as follows:
1. The mayor shall nominate ~~6~~ 5 members from persons nominated by the city council.
  2. ~~The community development committee,~~ the transportation advisory commission, the arts and culture commission, the cultural heritage commission and the planning commission shall each nominate 1 member for a total of ~~3~~ 4 members.
  3. All appointments are subject to ratification by the city council.”

**SECTION 2.** Title 2, Chapter 80, Section 40, which also governs the membership of the Design Commission, is amended in part as follows:

- “B. The criteria for selection of members shall be a demonstrated interest in the community and professional expertise and experience in a design related field, including one or more of the following fields:
1. Architecture;
  2. Landscape architecture;
  3. City planning;
  4. Historic preservation;
  5. Artist;
  6. Urban Design;
  7. Engineering, and
  8. Transportation Planning.”

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Bill Bogaard  
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of Pasadena at its meeting held \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date Published:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Theresa E. Fuentes  
Deputy City Attorney