

**TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Kroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Staff reminded the Commission and the public to speak into the microphone and to turn off all cellular phones and electric devices.
 - C. **OATH OF OFFICE** – Lourdes Morales, Assistant City Clerk swore in Commissioner Kimberly S. Winick.
 - D. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Winick, Eichman, Darvish, Bazley, Vice-Chair Wentzel, Chair Kroll

Absent: Commissioner Harris

Also Present:
Lourdes Morales, Assistant City Clerk
Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Sharita Houston, Interim Transportation and Mobility Secretary
Gabriele Gonzales, Administrative Specialist II
 - E. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Eichman requested the meeting adjourned in honor of Esther Baum.

ACTION: 1) Approve the agenda of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, as amended. **Motion by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair Bazley and passes, noting Commissioner Harris Absent.**
 - F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Eichman requested Commissioner Darvish’s name to be added to the official Roll Call (page 1 of 4).

ACTION: Approve the minutes as amended of Wednesday, **June 21, 2023. Motion by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair Bazley and**

passes, noting Commissioner Winick Abstaining and Commissioner Harris Absent.

2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR.

Commissioner Wentzel nominated Adam Kroll for Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Eichman.

There were no other official nominations.

ACTION: Elect Adam Kroll as Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Commission for a full term through June 30, 2024. **Nominated by Commissioner Wentzel, seconded by Commissioner Eichman and passes on a Roll Call vote:**

AYES: Bazley, Darvish, Eichman, Kroll, Wentzel, Winick.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Harris.

B. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.

Chair Kroll nominated Dan Wentzel as Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Eichman.

After discussion there were no other official nominations.

ACTION: Elect Dan Wentzel as Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Mobility Commission for a full term through June 30, 2024. **Nominated by Chair Kroll, seconded by Commissioner Eichman and passes on a Roll Call vote:**

AYES: Bazley, Darvish, Eichman, Kroll, Wentzel, Winick.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Harris.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

PETER SPIRER, WEST HOLLYOOD, spoke on the email sent by Kevin Burton on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition concerning bicycles on sidewalks.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Update.

Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison provided a verbal presentation and background information as presented in the staff report dated Wednesday July 19, 2023.

He provided details and clarified transportation related bills for 2023-2024, which included AB43, AB645 and AB1335.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition. He spoke in support of the staff presentation.

Vice-Chair Wentzel, asked for additional clarification regarding the transportation related bills, specifically AB645.

Commissioner Darvish, questioned if any bills pertain to green mobility for electric cars and/or bicycle lanes.

Chair Kroll questioned staff if a motion of support would be beneficial if forwarded to City Council.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Lourdes Morales, Assistant City Clerk addressed the concerns regarding an official Transportation and Mobility Commission meeting without a legally posted Agenda.

Lourdes Morales, Assistant City Clerk clarified the legal process for commission meetings that fall under the Brown Act. She stated that the inquiry is not legally possible due to the Brown Act and bylaws.

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner provided a summary of the Transportation and Mobility Commission's purview and oversight. He spoke and outlined the department organizational structure.

The Commission inquired how often reorganizations occur within a department.

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner reminded the Commission about the Annual Congress and Boards, to be held at Council Chambers, Auto Court on August 23, 2023, 6:00pm-9:00pm. He introduced Sharita Houston as interim Secretary of the Transportation and Mobility Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Eichman inquired about the status of replacing Danny Casillas' position and when business cards will be distributed for Commissioners. He questioned if embedded cross lights with activated signal is feasible in the area of Crescent Heights and (south) Sunset Boulevard. He requested staff for a presentation on scooters.

Commissioner Winick questioned the current excavation on Melrose Avenue and the possibility of restoring a bike route. She had safety concerns for pedestrians walking in the area.

Commissioner Wentzel welcomed Commissioner Winick and Sharita Houston. He congratulated Chair Kroll. He requested of staff a list of resources for people to keep up to date for all projects. He presented images from a recent trip and referenced transportation infrastructure that Spain adapted, along with their signage and branding of the pride flag. He pointed out the safety and traffic calming features from the images, that may be beneficial to West Hollywood in future projects.

Discussion was held regarding the oversight and enforcement of loud mufflers on vehicles. It was suggested that the concerns should be brought to the attention of the Public Safety Commission.

Commissioner Darvish moved to: 1) Lowering Speed limits on residential streets to 15 mph. 2) Recommended an agenda item focused on residential streets adjacent to the main arteries in the city to lower the volume and speed of cars traveling on those streets that are used as pass through to avoid the main arteries. Recommended reviewing adding bicycle lanes, additional 4 way stops, crosswalks, signs to identify residential streets and other measures to calm traffic. 3) Recommended an agenda item focused on banning noisy cars with altered exhaust pipe to create loud nuisance noise in our city.

No second to the motion.

MOTION FAILS.

Staff recommended Walter Davis will attend a future meeting to elaborate on the issues and concerns by Commissioner Darvish.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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11. ADJOURNMENT: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of Esther Baum at 8:01 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**, beginning at 6:30 PM at City of West Hollywood, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood 90069.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation and Mobility Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th day of August 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner: Adam Kroll, Dan Wentzel, Alexander Bazley,
David Mason Eichman, Adam Darvish

NOES: Commissioner:

ABSENT: Commissioner: Jessica Harris

ABSTAIN: Commissioner: Kimberly Winick

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ADAM KROLL, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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BOB CHEUNG, COMMISSION LIASION