

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

6:30 p.m. May 9, 2012

West Hollywood City Hall
Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

- I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting of May 9, 2012 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.
- A. Roll Call: Present: Chair Woodell, Vice-Chair Goldenberg, Commissioner Chramoff, Commissioner Maggio, and Commissioner Anthony Absent: Commissioner Eisenberg and Burke.
City Staff: Steve Campbell, Helen Collins and Margarita Kustanovich.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Anthony
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- A. A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the agenda of May 9, 2012 and seconded by Commissioner Chramoff and it passed by unanimous vote.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- B. A motion was made by Commissioner Maggio to approve the minutes of April 14, 2012 and seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg and it passed by unanimous vote.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS - on Consent Calendar and Matters Not on the Agenda (20 minutes) – None.
- Stephanie Harker – West Hollywood: she stated that she feels that everyone is listening about the Plummer Park Project. She went on to state that historic preservation can be achieved without spending as much

money and she mentioned the history of City/County and Eugenio Plummer.

- Kathy Blavais – West Hollywood: She spoke regarding the loss of programming space with the removal of the soccer/softball at West Hollywood Park and the proposed removal of Great Hall/Long Hall, Fiesta Hall and Auditorium. Asked where the programming housed in Great Hall/Long Hall will go. Stated she agrees that the History should be saved as stated by Ms. Harker.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Hall Automated Parking Garage

1. Public Open Space Component:

Staff introduced Oscar Delgado, Director of Public Works who provided a brief overview of the project and outlined the justification for the need for additional parking. Mr. Delgado then introduced Rich D'Amato from LPA, Inc. who reviewed the conceptual design ideas with the Commission and sought input from them.

Commissioner Woodell went over the parameters of the Commissions purview regarding the project and reminded the Commissions it was limited to the Public Open Space Component.

Commissioner Anthony inquired about the update Commissioner Woodell provided at the last meeting which recapped his attendance at the Design Steering Committee for the project. He went on to inquire, how far along are they in the process of picking materials. Dan Adams, Heery International stated that they are in the conceptual design phase and they are looking at different design materials at this point. Dan Adams went on to state the plan is to take the conceptual design to the Council for approval at the June 4, 2012 meeting and approval of Design Development is scheduled to go before the Council in August 2012.

Public Comment under this item:

Stephanie Harker – West Hollywood, Ms. Harker commented that the new parking structure is a cool building. Ms. Harker then referenced a 2009 concept for the parking structure which included community rooms and asked why they are not included in the plan now.

Commissioner Anthony commented that once they determine what type of materials they are going to use for the building that will provide a clearer visual for the Commission to make recommendations on the landscape. He went on to add that he thinks the stage area is a great idea for press conferences.

Commissioner Maggio commented that he thought that the presentation was wonderful. He stated that he liked option A. He also added that he thinks the trees block the view of the structure. He mentioned that he thinks City Hall is obsolete and it does not provide for our needs. Commissioner Maggio went on to say that he had hoped for an inside room and then he asked if there has been discussion about City Hall being obsolete. Mr. Delgado responded that the main goal of the project was to get more parking and maintain set-backs from the adjacent properties.

Commissioner Chramoff stated that the presentation was great.

Commissioner Goldenberg inquired as to the cost of the project; Dan Adams stated that the current information on the City website states 16 million. She also inquired about the maintenance and upkeep of the structure, Mr. Delgado responded that the structure has a 10 year warranty. Commissioner Goldenberg stated that she thought it was a great presentation and she liked option C and commented that the community space is narrow.

Commissioner Woodell is concerned about the trees and inquired if they are they on the list of approved City trees. Staff commented that yes they are and stated that the trees appear bigger than they actually are. Commissioner Woodell went on to say that it was not mentioned but the parking structure will be open at night.

Commissioner Anthony mentioned that if the Commission role is the Landscape then his comments are as follows: Liked picture of park in New York, minimalist idea; added that they should stay away from lush vegetation, liked water feature and modern lighting.

Commissioner Maggio stated that he concurs with Commissioner Anthony

and added that he likes the idea of an elaborate water feature and he also likes the banner concept. He went on to say that the area should be low maintenance and that the trees should not block the view of the building.

Commissioner Chramoff added that the plant material should be drought tolerant and low allergy.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

A. Review and discussion of the Commission's April Event:

1. Arbor Day Tree Planting: Staff gave a brief overview of the event.

Public Comment under this item:

Stephanie Harker – West Hollywood, stated that it was a great event/

IX. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

X. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Staff informed the Commission that the Plummer Park Project item will be on the Council's May 21, 2012 Agenda.
- Staff stated that they are working on the 2 year budget and 5 year capital work plan, which will go to the City Council for review on June 4, 2012 and adoption on June 21, 2012.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - on Matters Not on the Agenda (remaining comments not heard during previous comment period) - None

XII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Commissioner Goldenberg asked if Great Hall/Long Hall was still open, staff stated that yes it is. She also thanked everyone for the great presentation.
- Commissioner Woodell stated that he thinks the City should set aside

money for purchase of land for park space. Staff stated that an allocation has been requested in the budget to look at the Park Development and Quimby Fee process. Inquired about the Laurel Property and stated that maybe the City should think about selling the property. He closed by encouraging the Commissioners to visit the automated parking structure in Santa Monica.

- Commissioner Anthony stated that he was on the subcommittee (Park Acquisitions Guidelines and Revenue) asked at the likelihood that a consultant will be funded, staff responded high. Commissioner Anthony then thanked the public for attending and speaking during public comment and closed by saying that the presentation was great.
- Commissioner Maggio stated that effective immediately he was resigning his seat on the Public Facilities Commission. He thanked everyone including Kathy Blavais and Stephanie Harker. He urged the Commission to continue their tours of beautiful homes. He also added that he hopes that Hart Park will one day officially become a permanent dog park and that a new home will be found for the AIDS Memorial.
- Commissioner Chramoff – none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Commissioner Chramoff and seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn the meeting to the next meeting of the Public Facilities Commission scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, located at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.


Greg Woodell, Chair

Attest: 
Helen Collins, Recording Secretary