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**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2009 @ 6:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting at  
West Hollywood Park Auditorium  
647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California**

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**NOTE:** Any agenda item which has not been initiated by 10:30 P.M. may be continued to a subsequent Planning Commission Agenda.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*The Planning Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, January 15, 2009.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The Planning Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Planning Commission meetings.*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

**A. November 20, 2008**

**B. December 4, 2008**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time, limited to a maximum of twenty (20) minutes, has been set aside for the public to address the Planning Commission on any item that is not set for public hearing or any item that is not on tonight's agenda. In accordance with the Brown Act, public comment relating to business not appearing on the agenda cannot be acted upon or discussed by the Commission during the meeting, but may be referred to staff for report on a future agenda, ordered received and filed, or referred to the proper department for administrative resolution. Staff requests that all persons wishing to address the Commission fill out a Speaker's Slip and give it to the Commission Secretary prior to speaking. The Commission requests that when you begin speaking you state your name and the name of the city where you reside. Individuals may address the Commission for up to three (3) minutes each, unless the Commission determines a different time limit.

**7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**A. Demolition Permit 2008-001, Development Permit 2008-004:**

Continued From Thursday, November 20, 2008. Applicant is requesting to demolish an existing single-family residence and construct a new four-story, 3,925 square-foot single-family residence with a 1,357 square-foot garage, for the property located at 732 N. Doheny Drive, West Hollywood, California.

**Applicant:** Jay Vanos Architects

**Locations:** 732 N. Doheny Drive

**Planner:** Jennifer Alkire, Associate Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Applicant has officially withdrawn the application.

**B. Conditional Use Permit 2008-005, Development Permit 2008-026, Variance Permit 2008-004:**

Continued from Thursday, December 4, 2008. Applicant is requesting to construct a parking garage and legalize an existing religious facility, for the property located at 1317 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Iranian-American Jewish Temple)

**Applicant:** Adby Khorramian

**Locations:** 1317 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard

**Planner:** Michael Barney, Assistant Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Deny the application; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 08-841, denying Variance 2008-004, Development Permit 2008-026 and Conditional Use Permit 2008-005, for the property located at 1317 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

**C. Conditional Use [Tall Wall] Permit 2008-001:**

Applicant is requesting to erect a tall wall billboard on the east face of the existing high-rise, for the property located at 9000 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

**Applicant:** Jeffrey Seymour

**Locations:** 9000 Sunset Boulevard

**Planner:** Christopher Corrao, Assistant Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Continue to a date uncertain.

**D. Demolition Permit 2008-006, Development Permit 2008-013, Variance Permit 2008-006, Tentative Tract Map 2008-007:**

Applicant is requesting to demolish a single-family residence and construct a new duplex condominium structure, for the property located at 8875 Cynthia Street, West Hollywood, California.

**Applicant:** Bruno Bondanelli, AIA

**Locations:** 8875 Cynthia Street

**Planner:** Jennifer Noel, Associate Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 09-848, conditionally approving Demolition Permit 2008-006, Development Permit 2008-013, and Variance Permit 2008-006; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 09-849, conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2008-007, for the property located at 8875 Cynthia Street, West Hollywood, California.

**E. Conditional Use Permit 2007-009, Demolition Permit 2007-038, Development Permit 2007-058, Modification Permit 008-006, Tentative Tract Map 2008-004, Mitigated Negative Declaration:**

Applicant is requesting to demolish approximately 4,520 square feet of existing commercial structures for the construction of an approximately 63,000 square-foot mixed-use hotel project, for the property located at 623-633 N. La Peer Drive, West Hollywood, California. (La Peer Hotel)

**Applicant:** 623 La Peer, LLC

**Locations:** 623-633 N. La Peer Drive

**Planner:** Francisco Contreras, AICP, Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 09-845, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit 2007-009, Demolition Permit 2007-038, Development Permit 2007-058, and Modification Permit 2008-006, for the property located at 623-633 N. La Peer Drive, West Hollywood, California; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 09-846 conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2008-004 (Major Land Division No. 70502), for the property located at 623-633 N. La Peer Drive, West Hollywood, California.

10. **NEW BUSINESS.** None.
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.
12. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
13. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**
  - A. **General Plan Staff Update**
  - B. **Director's Report**
  - C. **Planning Manager's Report**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time has been set aside for members of the public who were unable to address the Commission during the twenty minute public comment period provided in Agenda Item No. 6. The same rules set forth under Agenda Item No. 6 apply.

**15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT.** The Planning Commission will adjourn to a specially scheduled meeting on **Thursday, January 29, 2009** beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

<b>UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 29	Thursday	6:30 PM	Special Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
February 5	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
February 19	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
March 5	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
March 19	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

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## **AGENDA POLICIES**

The Planning Commission considers a range of requests for development permits, appeals, and planning policy matters, and conducts public hearings on many of its agenda items. Due to the number, complexity and public interest associated with many agenda items, meetings of the Planning Commission are generally lengthy. The Planning Commission makes every effort to proceed as expeditiously as possible; your patience and understanding is appreciated.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK** on an item must be submitted on a Speakers Request Form and submitted to the Planning Commission Secretary. All requests to address the Planning Commission on Public Hearings items must be submitted prior to the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** items will be acted upon by the Planning Commission at one time without discussion, unless a Planning Commissioner pulls a specific item for discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS PROCEDURES** on each Public Hearing item include presentation of a staff report; Planning Commission questions of staff; a ten (10) minute presentation by the project applicant or applicant's representative or team, if any; Planning Commission questions of the applicant; three (3) minutes (in order to facilitate the meeting, the Chair may lengthen or shorten the three (3) minute period for all speakers on a particular agenda item based on the number of persons in attendance wishing to speak or the complexity of the matter under consideration) for each member of the public wishing to speak to the item; five (5) minutes for the project applicant to respond to the public or clarify issues raised by the public; Planning Commission deliberations and decisions.

**PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** should begin with the speaker stating his or her name and city of residence, followed by a statement regarding the item under consideration. Please speak to the Planning Commission as a whole.

**PROFESSIONALS APPEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION** should clearly identify their status, such as "attorney", "paralegal", "architect", "designer", or "landscape architect". Instances of misrepresentation of professional status may be referred to the City Attorney for possible prosecution.

**LETTERS OR WRITTEN MATERIALS** regarding agenda items may be submitted to the City Planning Division staff prior to or at the Planning Commission meeting; written materials submitted at least eight (8) days in advance of the meeting will be included in the Planning Commission's meeting packet. Materials submitted after the deadline may be difficult for the Planning Commission to adequately review.

**ASSIGNING OF TIME** is not permitted.

**ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION** on most matters occurs with the affirmative votes of at least four (4) Planning Commissioners.

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#### **APPEAL PROCEDURES**

Any final determination by the Planning Commission may be appealed, and such appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the Planning Commission action. This appeal shall be made in written form to the City Clerks Office, accompanied by an appeal fee or required number of signatures.

The City Clerk, upon filing of said appeal, will set petition for a public hearing before the City of West Hollywood's City Council at the earliest date.

If you challenge any City of West Hollywood decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described on this agenda, or in a written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.