



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Thursday, September 7, 2006 @ 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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Reminder: please speak clearly into microphones and turn off all cellular phones and pagers. For additional information on any item listed below, please contact John Keho, Planning Manager at (323) 848-6393.

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, September 7, 2006.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

A. August 3, 2006 (*verbatim transcription*)

B. August 17, 2006

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time, to a maximum of twenty (20) minutes, has been set aside for the public to address the Planning Commission on any item on the agenda, except those set for public hearing. Members of the public may also bring non-agenda items to the attention of the Planning Commission at this time. In accordance with the Brown Act, items so presented cannot be acted upon, nor discussed, by the Commission at this time, 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. Please fill out a Speaker's Slip and give it to the Commission Secretary to the Commission prior to speaking.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Demolition Permit 2006-010, Development Permit 2006-014, Negative Declaration:** Revised Resolution as directed by the Planning Commission on Thursday, August 17, 2006. Conditionally approve the demolition of three dwelling units and the construction a four-story, eight-unit condominium building with a subterranean garage, located at 1217 N. Horn Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
- Applicant:** Hamlet Zohrabians, Architect
Locations: 1217 N. Horn Avenue
Planner: Melodie Bounds-Frisby
Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-692 adopting a Negative Declaration and conditionally approving Demolition Permit 2006-010 and Development Permit 2006-014; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-693 conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2006-007 (Minor Land Division 62397), for the property located at 1217 N. Horn Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- A. Demolition Permit 2005-008, Development Permit 2005-013:** Appeal filed by Sheri Burke, allowing the demolition of an existing single-family house with a detached garage and the construction of a new three-unit apartment building, located at 148 N. Swall Drive, West Hollywood, California.
- Applicant:** Hamlet Zohrabians, Architect
Appellant: Sheri Burke
Locations: 148 N. Swall Drive
Planner: Patrick Clarke
Recommendation: 1) Deny the Appeal; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-697 affirming Demolition Permit 2005-008 and Development Permit 2005-013, for the property located at 1217 N. Horn Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
- B. Administrative Permit 2006-013:** Appeal filed by Lionel McPherson, regarding the Director's denial on an application to legalize one illegal dwelling unit, located at 1256 N. Flores Street (Apartment "A"), West Hollywood, California.
- Applicant:** Lionel McPherson
Appellant: Lionel McPherson
Locations: 1256 Flores Street
Planner: Adrian Gallo
Recommendation: 1) Deny the Appeal; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-696, upholding the Director of Community Development's decision to deny Administrative Permit 2006-013, for the property located at 1256 N. Flores Street (Apartment "A"), West Hollywood, California.

- C. Conditional Use Permit 2006-013:** Applicant is requesting to convert an existing 3,333 square-foot media production facility to a public service facility which will provide ambulance service for the City of West Hollywood, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for the property located at 7237 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.
Applicant: Amit Thakkar (Westmed Ambulance Services)
Locations: 7237 Santa Monica Boulevard
Planner: David DeGrazia
Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-695, conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit 2006-013, for the property located at 7237 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.
- D. Zone Text Amendment 2006-005:** Continued from Thursday, June 15, 2006 and Thursday, August 17, 2006. Consideration of an amendment of the City of West Hollywood Zoning Ordinance to develop a Land Use category and regulations for “Supper Clubs”, located city-wide, West Hollywood, California.
Applicant: City of West Hollywood
Locations: City-Wide
Planner: Melodie Bounds-Frisby
Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-694, recommending to the City Council approval of Zone Text Amendment 2006-005, to develop a new land use category and regulations for “Supper Clubs”.
- 10. NEW BUSINESS.** None.
- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.
- 12. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM STAFF**
- 14. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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- 15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
- 16. ADJOURNMENT.** The Planning Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, September 21, 2006** beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE				
Date	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
September 21	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
October 5	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
October 19	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
November 2	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
November 16	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.

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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.