



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Thursday, May 4, 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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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, May 4, 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. April 6, 2006 (Amended)

B. April 20, 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. Conditional Use Permit 2005-012, Negative Declaration:** On Thursday, April 20, 2006, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and conditionally approved the request for expansion of a large family day care center to a child day care center to accommodate up to twenty-four children, for the property located at 723 N. Huntley Drive, West Hollywood, California. (West Hollywood Huntley Preschool)
- Applicant:** Gene Smith
Locations: 723 N. Huntley Drive
Planner: Jennifer Noel
Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-671 adopting a Negative Declaration and conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit 2005-012, for the property located at 723 N. Huntley Drive, West Hollywood, California.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- A. Demolition Permit 2005-033, Development Permit 2005-041, Tentative Tract Map 2005-015, Negative Declaration:** Continued from Thursday, April 6, 2006. Applicant is requesting to allow the demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and the development of a new twelve-unit condominium building with subterranean parking, located at 8760 Shoreham Drive, West Hollywood, California.
- Applicant:** Milan Lodjl for Ben Soroudi
Locations: 8760 Shoreham Drive
Planner: Debby Linn
Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-664 adopting a Negative Declaration and approving Demolition Permit 2005-033 and Development Permit 2005-041; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-665 conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2005-015 (Minor Land Division 061268), for the property located at 8760 Shoreham Drive, West Hollywood, California.

- B. Demolition Permit 2004-031, Development Permit 2004-043, Modification Permit 2005-015, Tentative Tract Map 2004-021:** Continued from Thursday, March 2, 2006. Applicant is requesting permits to allow for the construction of one detached dwelling unit and four covered parking stalls behind the existing house. It includes a tentative tract map for division of property into two condominium units, after-the-fact demolition permit for prior demolition in rear yard, and modification to reduce rear yard setback by ten (10%) percent to preserve an existing mature tree, for the property located at 7719 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
Applicant: Stephen Michael Kernan
Locations: 7719 Norton Avenue
Planner: Francie Stefan
Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-651 conditionally approving Demolition Permit 2004-031, Development Permit 2004-043, and Modification Permit 2005-015; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-652 conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2004-021, for the property located at 7719 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
- C. Demolition Permit 2005-037, Development Permit 2005-049, Variance 2005-006, Tentative Tract Map 2005-017, Negative Declaration:** Applicant is requesting to demolish a single-family residence and garage and the construction of a two-story with mezzanine, five-unit condominium building. A variance has been requested regarding the Zoning Ordinance standard pertaining to front setbacks, for the property located at 1013 N. Spaulding Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
Applicant: Jon Green
Locations: 1013 N. Spaulding Avenue
Planner: Terry Blount
Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-672 adopting a Negative Declaration and conditionally approving Demolition Permit 2005-037, Development Permit 2005-049 and Variance 2005-006; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-673 approving Tentative Tract Map 2005-017 (Minor Land Division 63782), for the property located at 1013 N. Spaulding Avenue, West Hollywood, California.
- D. Conditional Use Permit 2006-001, Development Permit 2006-025:** Applicant is requesting an intensification of land use for an existing restaurant to operate a new nightclub with off-site parking; expansion of alcohol sales and service hours of operation; and installation of three television monitors, located at 8225 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Miyagi's)
Applicant: Victor Martin; Afriat Consulting Group, Inc.
Locations: 8225 Sunset Boulevard
Planner: Melodie Bounds-Frisby
Recommendation: 1) Continue to date uncertain.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Policy Discussion:** The Planning Commission will consider options to address concerns regarding vacant properties and buildings, including discussion of demolition regulations.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- A. Demolition Permit 2005-021, Development Permit 2005-029:** Continued from Thursday, April 20, 2006 and Thursday, April 6, 2006. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, April 6, 2006 on the appeal of Laura Brills and Ellen Evans. The Planning Commission voted to deny, in part, the appeal, and to affirm, in part, the approval allowing the demolition of an existing duplex and the construction of a new duplex, located at 8914-8916 Rangely Drive, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Chad Saul

Appellant: Laura Brill and Ellen Evans

Locations: 8914-8916 Rangely Drive

Planner: Debby Linn

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 05-662 denying, in part, the appeal of Laura Brills and Ellen Evans and affirming, in part, Demolition Permit 2005-021 and Development Permit 2005-029, for the property located at 8914-8916 Rangely Drive, West Hollywood, California.

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, May 18, 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
May 18	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
June 1	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
June 15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 6	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 20	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.