



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Thursday, April 7, 2005 @ 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 the Acting Planning Manager: John Keho at (323) 848-6475.

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, April 7, 2005.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

A. March 17, 2005

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. Brown Act Violation.

On Thursday, March 3, 2005, the Planning Commission denied the Gold Mountain development proposal. Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro filed an appeal of that decision with the City Clerk, alleging the Planning Commission violated the Brown Act by limiting public testimony, and demands, pursuant to Government Code Section 54960.1 that the Planning Commission cure or correct the violation.

Applicant: N/A

Location: N/A

Planner: Christi Hogin, Assistant City Attorney

Recommendation: 1) Determine that no violation of the Brown Act occurred, hence, no cure or correction is required.

B. Demolition Permit 2004-016, Development Permit 2004-018, Variance 2004-009, Tentative Tract Map 2004-015.

On Thursday, March 3, 2005 the Planning Commission voted to deny the project and directed staff to bring back resolutions for denial.

Applicant: Lehrer Architects (Michael Lehrer)

Location: 612-616 N. Croft Avenue

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 05583 denying Demolition Permit 2004-016, Development Permit 2004-018 and Variance 2004-009; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 05-584 denying Tentative Tract Map 2004-015 (Minor Land Division 061984), for the property located at 612-616 N. Croft Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. Creative Billboard 2004-004: Continued from Thursday, March 3, 2005. Applicant is requesting to extend, for additional two years, the permission for the Yahoo! Creative Billboard, for the property located at 8720 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Regency Outdoor Advertising

Locations: 8720 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: John Chase

Recommendation: 1) Approve the permit; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 05-589 to allow the continued use of the Creative Billboard (East elevation), for the property located at 8720 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

- B. Administrative Permit 2005-011, Conditional Use Permit 2004-010:** Applicant is requesting to convert 1,600 square feet of existing restaurant area to a nightclub with a 150 square foot dance floor and additional outdoor smoking area. A request to have incidental amplified DJ background music in the hotel lobby and remaining restaurant area and extend the hours of alcohol sales, service and consumption in the outdoor poolside area, for the property located at 8300 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Standard Hotel)

Applicant: Elizabeth Peterson Group, Inc.

Locations: 8300 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: David DeGrazia

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 05-592 conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit 2004-010 and Administrative Permit 2005-011, for the property located at 8300 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

- C. Minor Conditional Use Permit 2004-010:** Applicant is requesting approval of sales, service and consumption of alcoholic accessory to food service at a restaurant, for the property located at 8240 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Sunset Beach)

Applicant: Sunset Restaurant, LP

Locations: 8240 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: C.J. Amstrup

Recommendation: 1) Continue this item to Thursday, April 21, 2005.

- 10. NEW BUSINESS.** None.
- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.
- 12. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM STAFF.** None.

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, April 21, 2005** beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

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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.

Appeal procedures

Any final determination by the Planning Commission may be appealed, and such appeal must be filed within 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 public hearing before the 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 your 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.

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