

# WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION Thursday, September 3, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

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

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

This agenda was posted at: City Hall, the Community Development Department Public Counter, the West Hollywood Library on San Vicente Boulevard, Plummer Park, and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

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 3, 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. August 20, 2009

### 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. Administrative Permit 2006-006, Billboard Permit 2006-001, Conditional Use Permit 2006-007, Demolition Permit 2006-008, Development Agreement 2006-001, Development Permit 2006-010, General Plan Amendment 2006-001, Specific Plan Amendment 2006-001, Vesting Tentative Tract Map 2006-004, Zone Text Amendment 2006-001, Environmental Impact Report:

Continued from Thursday, May 21, 2009 and Thursday, August 6, 2009. A request to construct a 268,805 square foot mixed-use hotel project including amendments to the General Plan, Sunset Specific Plan and Zoning Map to permit increased height and density in a new expanded target site, for the property located at 9040-9056 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: WN Sunset, LLC

Locations: 9040 Sunset Boulevard

**Planner:** David DeGrazia, Senior Planner

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

# B. Demolition Permit 2004-026, Development Permit 2004-035:

Request to amend conditions of approval, to allow the removal of two mature ficus trees on the southeast corner of Beverly Boulevard and La Peer Drive, for the property locate at 8900 Beverly Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

**Applicant:** Beverly Swall Properties, LLC

Locations: 8900 Beverly Boulevard

**Planner:** Adrian Gallo, Associate Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Approve the application; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 09-883, amending Demolition Permit 2004-026 and Development Permit 2004-035, for the property located at 8900 Beverly Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

# C. Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report only, for a proposed project to demolish existing structures on-site to develop 149 hotel rooms; 40 residential condominium units; 5 affordable units; and up to 35,456 square-feet of commercial and entertainment space with subterranean parking, for the property located at 8418 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Sunset Time Mixed-Use Project)

Applicant: Combined Sunset, LLC & Combined Fountain, LLC

Locations: 8418 Sunset Boulevard

**Planner:** David DeGrazia, Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Receive comments from the Planning Commission and the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and provide to the environmental consultants.

# D. Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report only, for a proposed project to demolish the existing shopping center and redevelop the site with approximately 32,300 square-feet of retail uses, 294 market-rate condominium units, and 76 affordable senior rental units with subterranean parking, for the property located at 7300-7328 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Movietown Plaza Mixed-Use Project)

Applicant: Casden Movietown, LLC

**Locations:** 7300-7328 Santa Monica Boulevard Planner: David DeGrazia. Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Receive comments from the Planning Commission and the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and provide to

the environmental consultants.

- **10. NEW BUSINESS.** None.
- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.
- 12. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR. None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM STAFF
  - A. Planning Manager's Report
  - B. Director'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 regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, September 17, 2009** 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 17	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
October 1	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
October 15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
November 5	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
November 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 <u>prior</u> 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.