



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION
REVISED AGENDA - LOCATION CHANGE
Thursday, May 21, 2009 @ 6:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting at
Plummer Park Community Center
7377 Santa Monica 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.

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, May 21, 2009.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Continue to Thursday, June 4, 2009:

A. May 7, 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. Amendment Permit 2008-005:

Continued from Thursday, January 29, 2009 and Thursday, March 19, 2009. Applicant is requesting to extend hours of operation of an existing nightclub, for the property located at 8811 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (Eleven)

Applicant: Richard Grossi

Locations: 8811 Santa Monica Boulevard

Planner: Christopher Corrao, Assistant Planner

Recommendation: 1) Continue to Thursday, June 18, 2009.

B. Minor Conditional Use Permit 2008-015, Variance Permit 2008-005:

Applicant is requesting a rooftop wireless telecommunications facility on an existing multi-family building at a height of 56'-4", for the property located at 8375 Fountain Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Jim Lee; on behalf of Omnipoint Communications

Locations: 8375 Fountain Avenue

Planner: Laurie Yelton, Associate Planner

Recommendation: 1) Continue to a date uncertain.

C. 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, Specific Plan Amendment 2006-001, Tentative Tract Map 2006-004, Zone Text Amendment 2006-001, Environmental Impact Report:

A request to recommend certification of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and a request to develop a mixed-use hotel project of approximately 268,805 gross square-feet consisting of 102 hotel rooms, 20 condominium units, 46 fractional ownership units, and 37,940 square-feet of commercial uses. The request includes an amendment to the General Plan, amendment to the Sunset Specific Plan, a Zoning Map amendment, a billboard permit and a development agreement, for the property located at 9200 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: N. David O'Malley / James Arnone, Esq.

Locations: 9040 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: Heather Waldstein, Senior Contract Planner

Recommendation: 1) Continue to Thursday, August 6, 2009.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report only, for a proposed project converting existing office space on the Penthouse floor (13th), and entitled commercial space, previously a residential penthouse, on the Sky Penthouse (14th) floor of the Luckman Plaza into Soho House West Hollywood, a private members-only club and restaurant. The proposed project would also convert entitled office space, previously an open air lobby, into a spa and retail facility with associated café on the ground floor of the building. The proposed project would total approximately 25,214 square feet, for the property located at 9200 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. (SoHo House)

Applicant: Mani Brothers 9200 Sunset (DE), LLC

Locations: 9200 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: Francisco Contreras, AICP, 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.

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

D. Capital Projects Liaison Presentation.

Staff presentation of the upcoming Capital Project (Phase I, West Hollywood Park Master Plan) and Groundbreaking Event on Monday, June 1, 2009, for the new Library.

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, June 4, 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
June 4	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
June 18	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 2	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 16	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
August 6	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.