

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
SPECIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
October 1, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Rorie, Commissioner Goldenberg, Commissioner Anthony (*arrived at 6:38pm*), Commissioner Ettman (*arrived at 6:45pm*), Commissioner Woodell, Vice Chair Saur and Chair Bass.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Department of Public Works, Steve Campbell, Manager of Facilities and Field Services, Helen Collins, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Facilities and Field Services Division and Sr. Administrative Specialist, Michelle Bell.

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Victor Omelczenko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the October 1, 2014 agenda.

**Motion by Commissioner Woodell, seconded by Commissioner Goldenberg and unanimously approved.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of rehabilitating the building for more meeting space on the Eastside.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of renovating the building and improving the park space.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWIKZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD - thanked staff for removing the bins at the Detroit Gardens.

RALPH MARTELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of renovating the building and improving the park space.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of keeping the buildings and renovation.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke regarding purchasing Detroit Gardens and creating a pocket park.

DAVID REID, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of keeping Great Hall for community meetings and using it for the children's day care.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Presentation by Historic Resource Group of the relocation study prepared for Great Hall/Long Hall at Plummer Park.**

A. Steve Campbell, Manager of Facilities and Field Services Division, introduced Francisco Contreras, Innovation and Strategic Initiatives Manager gave a brief presentation on the history of Great Hall/Long Hall up to the present and introduced Peyton Hall, Consultant of Historic Resources Group (HRC). Mr. Hall presented the information regarding the options for Great Hall/Long Hall. The options: A) move all of the existing building complex; B) move Great Hall and Long Hall only without the toilet building and courtyard walls; C) move Great Hall only; D) move Long Hall only; and E) move the toilet wing along with these alternatives, and F) cut the building roofs, walls, and floors into flats that are small enough to be transported to storage locations in or near the City of West Hollywood.

Commissioner Rorie asked about the budget and what the cost would be to store the building in sections.

Commissioner Saur asked for more information involving rehabilitation of the buildings.

Commissioner Goldenberg had questions regarding moving the building and the costs associated with reestablishing it in its new location.

Commissioner Anthony had questions regarding moving the buildings in larger pieces farther away and within the City.

Commissioner Woodell spoke as part of the discussion regarding the cost of moving the buildings.

Commissioner Ettman posed questions regarding the history of prior meetings and processes regarding the Master Plan for Plummer Park.

**SPEAKERS:**

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of open space and demolishing the buildings.

SOPHIA GILLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of adaptive reuse for the buildings.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of adaptive reuse.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of preservation and keeping in its current location.

MORNA MARTELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of keeping the buildings and preserving them.

KONRAD WILK, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of keeping Great Hall/Long Hall and adaptive reuse.

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of adaptive reuse.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of a new Master Plan for Plummer Park.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of expanding the scope and keeping the buildings in place.

JULIA GOLDBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke about the varied uses of the park and adaptive reuse of the buildings.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of a study and cost analysis and adaptive reuse.

KRISY GOSNEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD- spoke in support of not moving the buildings.

RUDOLF MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of restoring the buildings and keeping the olive trees.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD - spoke in support of keeping and rehabilitating the buildings.

Commissioner Anthony spoke against relocation.

Commissioner Ettman spoke about the Historic Preservation meeting and they supported adaptive reuse; his respect for historic preservation; suggested moving tennis courts to provide more open space; and identifying who and what the uses are of the park.

Commissioner Goldenberg spoke of her personal experiences in Great Hall/Long Hall; spoke in support of green space; spoke in support of not moving the buildings and in support of a preschool.

Commissioner Woodell thanked the speakers for coming out; reserved commenting to specifics.

Commissioner Rorie spoke against relocation; suggested more outreach, visioning process for use of the buildings; he recommended a short term study to rehabilitate and maintain the buildings while figuring out what to do.

Vice Chair Saur invited the audience to attend the City Council meeting when the item is discussed and voted on; spoke in support of keeping Great Hall and moving it based on one of the choices provided; she also spoke in support of adaptive reuse and rehabilitation and she suggested a plaque to describe what Great Hall was used for and why it is still here.

Chair Bass stated that he chose not to attend the Historic Preservation meeting to make sure he was being objective as a Public Facilities Commissioner. He spoke about the perpetual state the buildings sitting in limbo; against moving the buildings; and he stated to either demolish the buildings or spend the money it would cost to move the buildings, spend it to rehabilitate them.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Ettman to recommend to the City Council to come back with a third option for keeping the buildings and to do a study on the cost of adaptive reuse, and seconded by Vice Chair Saur.

Discussion ensued regarding a new Master Plan for Plummer Park and redevelopment funds.

Chair Bass stated that he would support a motion that stated that the Public Facilities Commission does not favor either option presented and would like the City Council to consider a third option of adaptive reuse.

Commissioner Anthony asked whether there was a study done regarding reuse. Manager Steve Campbell stated that there probably was a study done in the past but it was not the direction of the City Council for the meeting.

Commissioner Anthony stated that he did not support relocating the buildings and that he would recommend a thorough investigation for adaptive reuse.

Chair Bass stated that his concept was to ask for the study of adaptive reuse as opposed to it being the final recommendation.

**ACTION:** Motion Commissioner Ettman to not support either of the options presented and ask the City Council to explore adaptive reuse as another option, seconded by Vice Chair Saur.

Commissioner Goldenberg offered a friendly amendment to separate the motion and motion to not adopting moving the building.  
Commissioner Ettman did not accept the amendment.

YES: Ettman, Saur, Bass, Rorie  
Absention: Woodell, Anthony, Goldenberg  
Motion passed: 4 Yeses to 3 Abstentions

**ACTION:** Motion Commissioner Ettman to recommend to the City Council to reexamine Master Plan for Plummer Park and create a subcommittee that includes the community just as is done for Phase II West Hollywood Park, seconded by Commissioner Rorie.  
Motion fails

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD - thanked the Commissioners for their discussion and decision.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Manager Steve Campbell commented that during Disability Month there will be a Disability Awards Event on October 22nd and a Health and Wellness event on October 22, 2014.

Lloyd Long, past Director of Human Services passed away unexpectedly and a Memorial Service held at Fiesta Hall on Saturday, September 27th at 10:00 am.

**11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**


Commissioner Goldenberg spoke about more trash cans and more plants at the eastside of Crescent Heights at Santa Monica Blvd.

Chair Bass commented on the need to replace the lights by the American Flag at Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Blvd.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion Commissioner Woodell, seconded by Vice Chair Saur to adjourn the Special Public Facilities Commission Meeting in memory of Lloyd Long at 9:01pm to their regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hollywood Community Room at, West Hollywood Park, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

  
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Chair, Adam Bass

  
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Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary