



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES Regular Meeting March 2, 2017

West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED BRIEF SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES; WHICH PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY VIEWING THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Buckner called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:32 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lauren Langer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
Commissioners Present: Altschul, DeLuccio, Jones, Lightfoot, Vice-Chair Buckner.

Commissioners Absent: Chair Aghaei.

Staff Present: Garen Srapyan, Associate Planner, Bianca Siegl, Long Rang & Mobility Planning Manager, Lauren Langer, Acting Assistant City Attorney and David Gillig, Commission Secretary.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**
Move Consent Calendar Item 9.A. – 1114 N. Horn Avenue to the March 16, 2017 Consent Calendar.

ACTION: Approve the Planning Commission Agenda of Thursday, March 2, 2017 as amended. **Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Altschul and passes, noting Chair Aghaei absent.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

A. **January 19, 2017**

ACTION: Approve the Planning Commission regular meeting minutes of Thursday, January 19, 2017 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner DeLuccio, seconded by Commissioner Altschul and passes, noting Chair Aghaei absent.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**
John Keho, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, stated there were no reportable actions from the last City Council meeting.

Commissioner DeLuccio questioned the valet operations regarding Catch Restaurant.

John Keho, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, stated another internal review will be forthcoming in March, and staff will provide an update to the commission in April.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Acting Chair Buckner encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. 1114 N. Horn Avenue:

The Planning Commission directed staff to return with a resolution denying a minor conditional use permit for a child day care center,

Lauren Langer, Acting City Attorney, stated this item must be moved to the next Consent Calendar regular meeting agenda, since there is a lack of a voting quorum.

ACTION: 1) Move to Consent Calendar on Thursday, March 16, 2017. **Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Altschul and carried as part of the amended agenda, noting Chair Aghaei absent.**

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Draft Eastside Community Priorities Plan.

Garen Srapyan, Associate Planner provided a verbal and visual presentation and background information as presented in the staff report dated Thursday, March 2, 2017.

He stated the intent of the Eastside Community Plan catalogs and prioritizes the needs of the Eastside neighborhood, develops implementation strategies, and makes recommendations to City Council regarding implementation of the Plan.

He spoke and detailed meeting dates, priority topic areas; which included economic development, mobility, urban design and community character, public space, housing, and other topics. He detailed the engagement of the neighborhoods, vision and guiding principles, recommendation structures, implementation, and upcoming scheduling.

The commission questioned if some of the ordinances would be impacted when this plan is adopted, and if it would then come forward to the Planning Commission.

Staff stated if certain recommendations are implemented, and they fall under the purview of the Planning Commission, it would come before the body at that time for further review.

The commission questioned mobility and traffic concerns, reduced parking requirements for existing commercial buildings, parking credits program, and reducing the parking spillover on residential streets, requested clarification on parklets, and neighborhood noticing.

The commission had the following comments:

The vision of the eastside was not clear on whether the Plan would welcome visitors to the eastside and provide an economic engine;

The Eastside Key Corridors Design Guidelines should be a higher priority;

Encouraged the necessity to move this forward as quickly as possible to implement; and

Would like to see more descriptive narratives regarding the character of the eastside.

Acting Chair Buckner opened public comment for Item 11.A.:

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in support of the draft Eastside Community Priorities Plan.

B. Long Range Planning Project Subcommittee Re-Appointment.

ACTION: 1) Appoint Stacey Jones to replace Sue Buckner on the Long Range Planning Projects Subcommittee for a term through June 30, 2017.
Moved by Acting Chair Buckner and carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

13. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

14. ITEMS FROM STAFF.

A. Planning Manager's Update. None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD encouraged the public to vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, and commented on design guidelines and neighborhood compatibility.

16. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Jones stated she attended the Community Conversations on Housing on February 16, 2017, and provided an update on the proceedings. She stated she sat on the last Design Review Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017, where Gwynne Pugh was introduced as the interim Urban Designer.

Commissioner Altschul stated he attended the Annual Land Use Update Conference, and provided an update on the proceedings. He commented on housing issues and concerns.

Commissioner Lightfoot encouraged the public to vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Acting Chair Buckner announced March is Women's History Month. There will be a kick-off event on Monday, March 6, 2017 at West Hollywood City Council Chambers. She also stated the International Women's Day Celebration will be on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Plummer Park, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT:** The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017 beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

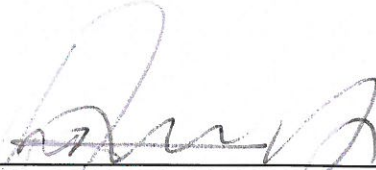
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th day of March, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner: Altschul, DeLuccio, Jones, Lightfoot, Vice-Chair Buckner, Chair Aghaei.

NOES: Commissioner: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner: None.



DAVID AGHAEI, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



DAVID K. GILLIG, COMMISSION SECRETARY