

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2019

# Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers 625 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.

Reminder: please speak clearly into microphones and turn off all cellular phones and pagers.

For additional information on any item listed below, please contact Jennifer Alkire, AICP, Current and Historic Preservation Planning Manager at (323) 848-6487 or Rachel Dimond, AICP, Acting Long Range Planning Manager at (323) 848-6486.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

# ROLL CALL

# 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission is requested to approve the Agenda. RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the Agenda of Thursday, October 17, 2019.

# 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

- A. September 5, 2019 (tabled from October 3, 2019)
- **B. September 19, 2109** (tabled from October 3, 2019)
- C. October 3, 2019 (verbatim transcription)

# 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. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# 8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

# 9. CONSENT CALENDAR.

# A. 8590 SUNSET BOULEVARD (EQUINOX FITNESS).

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission requested a draft resolution returned for the approval of an expansion of an existing Equinox health/fitness center with interior remodel, and deny without prejudice a new rooftop outdoor restaurant and expansion, located at 8590 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

**Recommendation:** 1) Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 19-1339, conditionally approving an amendment to a conditional use permit for an interior remodel, and deny without prejudice a new rooftop outdoor restaurant and expansion, for the property located at 8590 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

# B. BROWN ACT COMPLAINT FILED BY MARK HORNE.

SUBJECT: The City of West Hollywood received an official complaint alleging violations of the Brown Act. The Planning Commission is asked to review the matter and determine whether a Brown Act violation occurred.

**Recommendation:** 1) Direct the City Attorney's Office to send a letter pursuant to Government Code §54960.1(c)(2) communicating the Planning Commission's determination that no Brown Act violation occurred and therefore the Planning Commission will not cure or correct the challenged actions; and 2) receive and file.

# C. CITYWIDE TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY STUDY UPDATE.

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will receive an update on the Citywide Traffic and Mobility Study project and program recommendations.

**Recommendation:** 1) Receive and file.

# D. COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE CENSUS 2020 UPDATE.

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will receive summary notes from the Complete Count Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 18, 2019.

Recommendation: 1) Receive and file.

# 10. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

# A. 917-927 N. HILLDALE AVENUE:

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request to demolish six existing dwelling units and construct a nine two-story townhouse development on newly subdivided lots, for the properties located at 917-927 N. Hilldale Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Jeffrey Seymour

Planner: Doug Vu, Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 19-1343 conditionally approving a demolition permit, development permit, modification permit, and a variance, for the properties located at 917-927 N. Hilldale Avenue, West Hollywood, California; and 3) Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 19-1344 conditionally approving a vesting tentative tract map (Major Land Division No. 82661), for the properties located at 917-927 N. Hilldale Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

- 11. **NEW BUSINESS.** None.
- 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.
- 13. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.
- 14. ITEMS FROM STAFF
  - A. Planning Manager's Update.

# 15. 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.

## 16. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Commissioner Comments.
- B. Subcommittee Management.

SUBJECT: This time has been set aside for commissioners serving on standing subcommittees to report any scheduled absences or conflicts of interest that would prevent them from being present at an upcoming subcommittee meeting. If more than two subcommittee members cannot be present at a meeting, the Chair may reschedule the time or date of the meeting or change the composition of the subcommittee to ensure a quorum can be present.

17. ADJOURNMENT. The Planning Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 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.

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| UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE 2019 |          |         |                 |                  |  |  |
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| Date                           | Day      | Time    | Meeting Type    | Location         |  |  |
| November 7                     | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting | Council Chambers |  |  |
| November 21                    | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting | Council Chambers |  |  |
| December 5                     | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting | Council Chambers |  |  |
| December 19                    | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Cancelled       | Council Chambers |  |  |

# PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

To contact Planning Commissioners, please forward your request to: David Gillig, Planning Commission Secretary at dgillig@weho.org

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# **STAFF**

John Keho, AICP, Director, Planning & Development Services Department
Jennifer Alkire, AICP, Current and Historic Preservation Planning Manager (CHPP)
Rachel Dimond, AICP, Acting Long Range Planning Manager (LRP)
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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 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. In order to facilitate a fair and proper hearing the Chair or Commission may lengthen or shorten the time allotted per speaker on a particular agenda item based on the number of persons in attendance wishing to speak or the complexity of the matter under consideration.

**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 ten (10) calendar days after the Planning Commission action. This appeal shall be made in written form to the City Clerk's 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.

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