



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

February 21, 2002

West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeLuccio called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:30 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Torgan.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: John Altschul, David Behr, Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Barbara Hamaker, Barbara Hewitt and Brad Torgan.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Persico, Community Development Director; Susan Healy Keene, Planning Manager; Christi Hogin, Assistant City Attorney; Jack McGee, Contract Planner; and Jennifer Diaz, Administrative Staff Assistant.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approve the Agenda with the following amendment: Move the Consent Calendar items to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Motion: DeLuccio Second: Altschul

Vote: All Ayes

Motion passes

D. Posting of Agenda

The agenda was posted at City Hall, the Community Development Department counter, West Hollywood Library on San Vicente Boulevard, Plummer Park, and the West Hollywood Sheriff's station.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Altschul - Inquired about Certificate of Occupancy for the Harper Condominiums.

Mark Persico - Verified that there is currently not a Certificate of Occupancy.

4. ITEMS FROM STAFF

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes - February 7, 2002

Action: Approve the Minutes of February 7, 2002 with the following amendment: Commissioner Torgan's Yes vote to item 6.B.

Motion: Torgan Second: Altschul

Votes: All Ayes

Motion passes

7. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Conditional Use Permit 2001-17: Tall Wall Sign for the east-side of the building at 8831 Sunset Boulevard. (Continued from January 17, 2002).

Applicant: Viacom/Infinity Outdoor

Location: 8831 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: Jack McGee

Recommendation: Conditionally approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Altschul recused himself from the Public Hearing.

Chair DeLuccio opened the Public Hearing.

Jack McGee presented the Staff Report.

Roberta Sponsler, Viacom/Infinity Outdoor, presented the applicant's report.

Action: Close the Public Hearing

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio

Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

Commission Comments/Deliberation:

Mark Persico - Suggested condition 2.3 on page 4 be modified so that, if Tower Records puts up a creative sign or blocks the proposed wall, the applicant's can not

put up new graphics after a six month period if staff finds that the applicant's cannot meet the requirements

Hamaker - Inquired if the billboard meets the design standard of tall walls in the Sunset Specific Plan requirement.

Jack McGee - Clarified that the tall wall meets the requirement because of the continuous image across the wall.

Action: Adopt and Approve Resolution No. 2002-421,"A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A REQUEST BY VIACOM/INFINITY OUTDOOR FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2001-17 TO ALLOW A TALL WALL SIGN AT 8831 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA".

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio

Votes: Ayes: Crowe, Hewitt, Torgan, Behr, DeLuccio

Nays: Hamaker

Motion Passes

B. *Billboard Permit 2000-72 and Variance 2001-09: Convert a single face billboard to a double face billboard, and to exceed the permitted height and maximum rotation in relation to Sunset Boulevard.*

Applicant: Regency Outdoor

Location: 8459 Sunset Boulevard (East Sign)

Planner: Jack McGee

Recommendation: Deny the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed Resolution.

Action: Continue to a date uncertain.

Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

C. *Billboard Permit 2001-56 and Variance 2001-10: Convert a single face billboard to a double face billboard, and to exceed the permitted height and maximum rotation in relation to Sunset Boulevard.*

Applicant: Regency Outdoor

Location: 8459 Sunset Boulevard (West Sign)

Planner: Jack McGee

Recommendation: Deny the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed Resolution.

Action: Continue to a date uncertain.

Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Murray Fisher, Beverly Hills, representing the owners of Piazza Del Sol, stated that the property was not posted properly and would like to be notified of the future public hearing at this site.

- B. Terry Martin, Los Angeles, inquired if the hearing was for the east and west signs.
- C. Catherine Hahn, West Hollywood, stated that Barfly is not abiding to their permits and are brining in promoters to their restaurant.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Altschul - Stated that the noise from the Barfly is horrendous and that Ms. Hahn's comments are valid.

Behr - Inquired about Club 7969 and what conditions the Commission needs to implement prior to it's opening. Also stated that neighboring business owners of Barfly have voiced complaints of the restaurant.

Christi Hogin - Stated that it will be placed on the agenda at a later date.

Torgan - Requested that staff investigate the allegations against Barfly.

DeLuccio - Reported that he has heard the noise from Barfly and would like staff to review their permits and investigate the complaints.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Mark Persico - Reported on the High Impact Business Task Force, which is currently reviewing conditions that will assist in dealing with surrounding restaurants and bars.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion carried by a consensus of the Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF April 18, 2002.

CHAIRPERSON: Donald DeLuccio

ATTEST:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: [Signature]