



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**October 3, 2002**

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

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Brad Torgan

Staff Present: Susan Healy Keene, Planning Manager; C.J. Amstrup, Contract Planner; and Jennifer Diaz, Administrative Staff Assistant.

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### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bonnie Kingry.

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### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**Action: Approve the Agenda of October 3, 2002.**

Motion: DeLuccio Second: Hewitt

Vote: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Torgan

**Motion passes**

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### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A. Minutes - May 30, 2002**

**B. Minutes - September 19, 2002**

**Action: Approve the Minutes of May 30, 2002 and September 19, 2002.**

Motion: DeLuccio Second: Altschul

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Torgan

**Motion passes**

**ITEM 5.A**

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**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None.

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**7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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Hewitt - The noticing in the West Hollywood Independent isn't very effective because residents North of Santa Monica Boulevard no longer receive the paper.

DeLuccio - The new notices are more user-friendly, however, not all residents are receiving the paper.

Behr - Concerned with people registered to vote with addresses at buildings that have been demolished. Most cities notify the City Clerk after a building has been demolished, who in turn notifies the registrar of Voters and believes that there currently are people registered at the Homeless Center.

Altschul - The Abbey and HERE Club are having dancing and inquired if the clubs are permitted to do so. Requested Code Compliance to look into the matter.

Hamaker - Inquired on whether Champs is being demolished and stated that they were permitted to demolish less than 50% of the building but have seemed to demolish more.

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**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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None.

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**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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None.

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**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**A. Creative Billboard 2002-027:** Add LED electronic sign to existing billboard for a period of two years.

**Applicant:** E View Media

**Location:** 8501 Sunset Boulevard

**Planner:** C.J. Amstrup

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

Chair Behr opened the Public Hearing.

C.J. Amstrup presented the Staff Report.

Shari Covens presented the applicant's report.

**Public Comment**

- 1. Brian Kennedy, West Hollywood, Stated that the boards are very bright and doesn't believe the neighbors know how it might impact them and suggested that the billboards be tested on the lumens scale.

Shari Covens presented closing comments.

**Action: Close the Public Testimony portion of the public hearing.  
Motion passed by a consensus of the Commission**

**Action: Adopt and Approve Resolution No. PC 2002-27, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CONDITIONALLY APPROVING CREATIVE BILLBOARD PERMIT 2002-27 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8501 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" with the following amendments: to #6, change to read "..change that is in motion or animation..." adding the words "or animation"; to #14 of the Resolution, change the word "will" to "shall".**

Motion: Crowe Second: Altschul

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Torgan

**Motion Passes**

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**11. NEW BUSINESS**

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None.

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**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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None.

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**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

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Susan Healy Keene - Presented the Commission with a report on the High Impact Business Task Force.

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**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- A. Council Member Prang announced that there will be a protest against District Attorney Cooley's decision not to proceed with Hate Crime charges against the defendants arrested in connection with the recent assault's in West Hollywood.
- B. Hillary Selvin, Los Angeles, commented on the proposed increase of permit fees and will recommend that the City Council not to approve the increase.

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**15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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Hamaker - Commented on complaints received at PAC meetings regarding patrons of Ski Sushi. Requested a copy of the Sheriff's reports for the past two years.

Behr - Stated that there has been progress on changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

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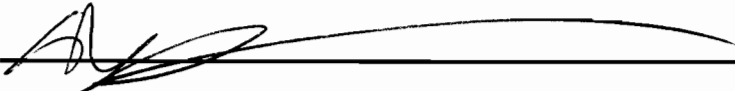
**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Action: Adjourn to a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 17, 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** 10/17, 2002.

**CHAIRPERSON:** 

**ATTEST:**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** 