



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 21, 2002

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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.

2. 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, City Attorney; C.J. Amstrup Senior Planner; Emmeline Elzin Harrigan, Associate Planner; and Jennifer Diaz, Administrative Staff Assistant.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susan Healy Keene.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approve the Agenda of November 21, 2002.

Motion: DeLuccio Second: Behr

Vote: All Ayes

Motion passes

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, spoke on the City Council's decision to close the Good Bar and believes that they should have made the decision with prejudice and also should have revoked the conditional use permit.

- B.** James Litz, West Hollywood, asked the commission for assistance with his dealings with 24 hour Fitness. They are allowing the pool to be open before and after the hours set forth in their conditional use permit. They also have not complied with the Commission's request to supply a phone number for neighbor's to call with concerns and to fix the alarm to automatically shut-off after a certain time.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

DeLuccio – Directed staff to supply a report on December 5th regarding 24 Hour Fitness. Also inquired about why Maimonides had not been brought back on the consent calendar since that has been past practice.

Behr – Requested staff to bring new parking permit forms for the Commissioners.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Conditional Use Permit 2002-04 and Development Permit 2002-15:** Change 29,999 square feet of retail space into a health/fitness facility.

Applicant: Paul Boardman for Equinox West Hollywood, Inc.

Location: 8590 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: Terry Blount

Recommendation: Continue to December 5, 2002.

Continued to December 5, 2002.

- B. Conditional Use Permit 2002-01:** Expansion of an outdoor dining area and the creation of an outdoor smoking area both with the sale and service of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant/nightclub.

Applicant: Don Randall for Rage

Location: 8911 Santa Monica Boulevard

Planner: Terry Blount

Recommendation: Continue to January 16, 2003.

Continued to January 16, 2003.

- C. Creative Billboard Permit 2002-48:** Creative Billboard for "Yahoo!" for a two-year calendar period.

Applicant: Bonnie Kingry for Regency Outdoor Advertising

Location: 8720 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: Emmeline Elzin Harrigan

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

Commissioner Altschul recused himself from the hearing.

Chair Behr opened the public hearing.

Emmeline Elzin Harrigan presented the staff report.

Bonnie Kingry presented the applicant's report.

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 2002-455, "A RESOLUTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING CREATIVE BILLBOARD 2002-48 TO ALLOW A CREATIVE BILLBOARD FOR YAHOO! AT THE BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 8720 SUNSET BOULEVARD (EAST ELEVATION), WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA," with the following amendments: add a condition that will request a survey of the height of the billboard be submitted prior to the issuance of the building permit; add language that staff is to review any minor copy change; and amend 4.2 to allow the Director to adjust the lighting at any time.

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes

Motion passes

Commissioner Altschul re-joined the meeting.

- D. Conditional Use Permit 2002-09:** Allow an outdoor smoking area with alcohol service, and correct the legal non-conforming status of the existing bar.

Applicant: Don Randall for Mother Lode Bar

Location: 8944 Santa Monica 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.

Jerry Mcarthy and Rob Ucobian presented the applicant's report.

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 2002-454, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2002-09 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT 2002-15, PERMITTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUTDOOR SMOKING AREA WITH ALCOHOL SERVICE AND ELIMINATING THE NON-CONFORMING STATUS OF AN EXISTING BAR. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8944 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (MOTHER LODE BAR), WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA," with the following amendment: add an amplified sound condition.

Motion: Altschul Second: Crowe

Votes: All Ayes, on a Roll Call Vote
Motion Passes

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Susan Healy Keene – Presented the Commission with a schedule of upcoming meetings.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

DeLuccio – Commended C.J. Amstrup on his staff report.

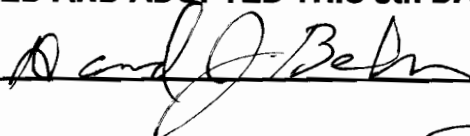
16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Adjourn to a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, December 5, 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 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2002.

CHAIRPERSON: _____



ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: _____

