



## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 4, 2001

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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The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair DeLuccio.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Esther Baum.

#### B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

David Behr, Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Barbara Hewitt, and Brad Torgan

Commissioners Absent:

John Altschul

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; Bob Pittman, Assistant City Attorney; John Chase, Urban Designer; John Keho, Senior Planner; Terry Blount, Assistant Planner; and Jennifer Diaz, Administrative Staff Assistant.

#### C. Approval of Agenda

**Action: Approve the Agenda**

Motion: Crowe Second: Hewitt

Vote: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul.

#### D. Posting of Agenda

This 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.

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### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- a. **Jean Hobart**, West Hollywood, asked the Commission to revisit the Zoning Ordinance regarding the elimination of height averages for multifamily residential units in West Hollywood West.
- b. **Richard Kaleh**, West Hollywood, concerned with the height limit in West Hollywood West overlay district.
- c. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented on the removal of Steve Smith from the Planning Commission; stated that the citizens of West Hollywood should show their support for various projects within the City not just projects near their property;

and commented on the Hollywood Stock Exchange.

- d. **Esther Baum**, West Hollywood, spoke on the Sunset Millennium sign located on the La Cienega overpass and believes that the sign should not be there.

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### 3. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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DeLuccio – Thanked staff for the addition of the Appeal procedures to the agenda.

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### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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#### A. *Minutes – November 16, 2000*

**Action:** Approve the minutes to include the amendments on the vote for the initial action on Cedars Sinai.

Motion: Crowe            Second: Hewitt

Votes: All Ayes, noting the abstention of Commissioner Torgan and the absence of Commissioner Altschul

#### B. *Minutes – December 7, 2000*

**Action:** Approve the Minutes of December 7, 2000.

Motion: Crowe            Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

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### 5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

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None.

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### 6. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

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None.

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### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- A. **Conditional Use Permit 2000-15:** Amend previously issued conditional use permit (CUP 00-03) for a wireless telecommunications (portable telephone) facility (relocation of equipment cabinets from the rooftop to the parking lot.)

**Applicant:** Whalen & Company for Verizon Wireless

**Location:** 9044 Melrose Avenue

**Planner:** Terry Blount

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

Terry Blount presented the staff report.

**Action:** Close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Crowe            Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

**Action: Move approval of staff's recommendation.**

Motion: Crowe Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

**B. Development Permit 97-20 and Creative Sign Permit 97-09:** *Extend and modify permit to allow the continued operation of the large screen video while the residential part of the project is under construction.*

**Applicant:** Joseph Shooshani

**Location:** 8410 Sunset Boulevard

**Planner:** John Keho

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

Lisa Heep presented the staff report.

Wayne Avrashow presented the applicant's report.

**Public Comment:**

1. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, stated that there is no correspondence regarding the claim of the fault; also stated that the applicant has been receiving revenue from the video-tron.

**Action: Close the public hearing.**

Motion: Crowe Second: Torgan

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

**Discussion**

- Reasonable adherence to benchmark of May 15<sup>th</sup>;
- Mr. Donovan to be present for comments at the next hearing;
- Video should be turned off on May 5<sup>th</sup> if the project will not be completed by September.

**Action: Move approval of staff's recommendation.**

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

**C. Development Permit 99-02:** *To modify architectural style of the retail buildings on the west parcel of this project.*

**Applicant:** Sunset Millennium Associates

**Location:** *From 8556 Sunset to the Eastern boundary of Sunset Plaza and including 1209-1215 Alta Loma Road (West Parcel-5C)*

**Planner:** Jennifer Davis

**Recommendation:** *Review and recommend to the City Council approval of the modifications of architectural style.*

Lisa Heep and John Chase presented the staff report.

Mark Siffin and Cindy Starret presented the applicant's report.

**Public Comment:**

1. **Hillary Selvin**, Los Angeles, Executive Director of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Sunset Millennium project and would like the Commission to recommend approval of the project to the City Council.
2. **J. W. Moore IV**, West Hollywood, spoke in support of the Sunset Millennium project and believes that it will help improve the economy and reserve employment for the residents of West Hollywood.
3. **Art Kempe**, West Hollywood, spoke against the proposed project due to the unprofessional acts of the construction workers.
4. **Norby Walters**, West Hollywood, spoke in support of the project.
5. **Thomas Jones**, West Hollywood, spoke in support of the project's changes.
6. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, stated that the project will put the lot to good use and Mr. Siffin has kept all of his promises; she believes that the project will attract good businesses; recommends the Commissioners approve the project.
7. **Susan Markheim**, West Hollywood, spoke in support of the project.
8. **John Duponce**, West Hollywood, spoke in support of the project.
9. **Richard Slauson**, Los Angeles, thanked the construction workers on the site and urged the Commission to support the recommendation to the City Council for approval.
10. **Jehuda Renan**, West Hollywood, in support of the project.
11. **Ernest Breig**, West Hollywood, in support of the project.
12. **Jack Bolurie**, West Hollywood, in support of the project.
13. **Robert Schnur**, West Hollywood, in support of the project.

Cindy Starret presented a rebuttal.

**Action: Close the public hearing**

Motion: Crowe            Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

**Action: Move staff's recommendation**

Motion: Hewitt            Second: Crowe

Votes: All Ayes, noting the absence of Commissioner Altschul

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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None.

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**9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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None.

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**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

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- Reminder to the Commissioners of the upcoming National American Planning Commission.

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Action:** To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, January 18, 2001, at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion: Crowe                      Second: Hewitt  
Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF**   2-1  , 2000!

**CHAIRPERSON:**   Ronald DeSantis  

**ATTEST:**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**   Ray Reynolds