



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 21, 2000**

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 John Chase.

#### **B. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:

John Altschul, David Behr, Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Steve Smith and Bradley Torgan.

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; Bob Pittman, Assistant City Attorney; John Chase, Urban Designer; Hassan Haghani, Senior Planner; Emmeline Elzin, Assistant Planner; and Jennifer Diaz, Administrative Staff Assistant.

#### **C. Approval of Agenda**

**Action: Approve the Agenda.**

Motion: Crowe                      Second: Altschul

Vote: All Ayes

#### **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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None.

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### **3. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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None.

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### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**A. Minutes – August 17, 2000.**

**Action: Approve the minutes of August 17, 2000.**

Motion: Crowe Second: Altschul

Vote: All Ayes, noting the abstention of Commissioner Smith

**B. Minutes – September 7, 2000.**

**Action: Approve the minutes of September 7, 2000.**

Motion: Altschul Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes, noting the abstention of Commissioner Smith

**C. Development Permit 2000-12 and Variance 2000-09: Add a new unit to an existing 12 unit building by converting an existing storage space. Variance requests a ten foot rear yard set back instead of the required 15 feet.**

**Applicant:** George Birnbaum

**Location:** 1312-1316 Laurel Avenue

**Planner:** Emmeline Elzin

**Recommendation:** Approve the development permit and variance request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Smith recused himself from Item 4.C.

**Action: Approve Resolution PC 00-328 as amended.**

Motion: Torgan Second: Behr

Vote: All Ayes, noting the abstention of Commissioner Smith

**D. Creative Sign Permit 2000-04: Display additional signage.**

**Applicant:** Ralph Gentile (Hollywood Stock Exchange)

**Location:** 8441 Santa Monica Boulevard

**Planner:** John Chase

**Recommendation:** Approve the 10 foot south facing sign and deny the 30 foot west facing sign.

Commissioner Smith recused himself from Item 4.D.

**Action: Approve Resolution PC 00-326 as amended.**

Motion: Torgan Second: Behr

Vote: All Ayes, noting the abstention of Commissioner Smith

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**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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None.

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**6. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION**

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## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

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**A. Extension Request 99-08:** *Extend the current Conditional Use Permit for two years; Modify the parking conditions; and remove the conditions relating to air quality requirements.*

**Applicant:** *Steve Orme for 24 Hour Fitness*

**Location:** *8612 Santa Monica Boulevard*

**Planner:** *John Keho*

**Recommendation:** *Continue to October 19, 2000.*

Continued to October 19, 2000.

**B. Conditional Use Permit 2000-12, Development Permit 2000-29 and Parking Use Permit 2000-08:** *Remodel property, remove existing dance floor, replace existing parking next to the alley with an outdoor patio, and add second floor offices to an existing building with 24 additional off-site parking spaces.*

**Applicant:** *Hillcrest Realty Services*

**Location:** *696 N. Robertson Boulevard (Old "Firehouse" site)*

**Planner:** *Hassan Haghani*

**Recommendation:** *Continue to October 5, 2000.*

Continued to October 5, 2000.

**C. Conditional Use Permit 2000-06, Development Permit 2000-26 and Parking Use Permit 2000-07:** *Legalize expansion with additional off-site parking and allow conversion of an office area to dining area.*

**Applicant:** *Don Randall for La Masia Nightclub*

**Location:** *9077 Santa Monica Boulevard*

**Planner:** *Hassan Haghani*

**Recommendation:** *Conditionally approve the project.*

Hassan Haghani presented the staff report.

Chair DeLuccio stated for the record that he had been inside the establishment while it was undergoing construction on a Saturday.

Don Randall presented his report.

**Public Speakers:**

- 1. Margaret O'Brien, Santa Monica,** briefly described the proposed façade of La Masia.
- 2. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood,** stated that one of the prospective parking lots is being occupied during the hours that the nightclub intends to use them. Believes that the Commission should continue the hearing to a later date.

Don Randall gave a rebuttal and answered questions from the Commissioners.

**Action: Continue to November 2, 2000.**  
Motion: Altschul      Second: Crowe  
Vote: All Ayes

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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood,** stated that she was thoroughly disgusted with the vague and uncertain answers given to the Commission regarding Item 7.C and stated it was a waste of time for them to sit and listen to nonsense.

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**9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

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**A. Lisa Heep** – Addressed questions from the Commission regarding certain projects in the City.

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 5, 2000, at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.**

Motion: Behr                      Second: Torgan  
Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF Oct. 5, 2000.**

**CHAIRPERSON:** *DM De Luccia*

**ATTEST:**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** *Ross Reynolds*