



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**November 4, 1999**

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 Smith.

#### **A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brent Mullins.

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

Commissioners Present:

Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Harriet Segal, Bradly Torgan, Chair Steve Smith, Liz Anderson, John Altschul.

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Keho, Senior Planner; Elinor Aurthur, Contract Planner; John Chase, Urban Designer; Jennifer Davis, Senior Planner; Erika Fleming, City Attorney's Office; Tony Leyva, Acting Administrative Assistant.

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

**Action: To approve the Agenda.**

Motion: Crowe

Second: Altschul

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

#### **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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### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**A. Action: To approve Consent Calendar.**

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: Abstained: Altschul, Anderson, Smith

Ayes: Segal, Crowe, DeLuccio, Torgan

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### **4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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## 5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

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**A. Creative Sign Permit 99-10:** To conditionally approve Creative Sign Permit.

**Applicant:** Mark Chavez for Whole Foods  
**Location:** 7871 Santa Monica Boulevard  
**Planner:** John Chase  
**Recommendation:** To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Chase presented staff report.

**Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 99-260.**

Motion: Altschul                      Second: DeLuccio  
Votes: All Ayes                      Motion carried.

**B. Appeal of Staff Denial of Zone Clearance 99-102:** To add a storage room to an existing building.

**Applicant:** R. F. Majestic, LLC  
**Location:** 9031 Phyllis Avenue  
**Planner:** John Keho  
**Recommendation:** To deny the appeal and uphold staff denial.

Mr. Keho presents staff report.

Commission questions staff.

Mark Egerman, Beverly Hills, attorney for applicant, presents applicant's report.

Commission questions applicant.

### **Public Comment**

**Rachel Morison, West Hollywood** Supports denial of appeal.

**Erin Finn, West Hollywood** Against project.

**Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood** Against.

Mr. Keho adds to staff report, clarifies.

Mr. Egerman presents applicant's rebuttal.

Commission questions applicant.

Commissioner Anderson asks applicant if tenants' windows were covered?

Commissioner Crowe reminds Commission of approval (request) at hand.

Commissioner Segal also expresses concern and concurs with Commissioner Anderson regarding tenants' windows.

Mr. Keho restates issue at hand.

Commissioner Torgan provides clarification.

**Action: To deny appeal.**

Motion: Anderson                      Second: Crowe  
Votes: All Ayes/unanimous      Motion carried.

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## 6. PUBLIC HEARING

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**A. Minor Conditional Use Permit 99-29:** To permit the installation of a wireless communication facility inside and on the rooftop of an existing building.

**Applicant:** Ed Gala  
**Location:** 8235 Santa Monica Boulevard  
**Planner:** Elinor Aurthur  
**Recommendation:** To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Ms. Aurthur presented staff report.  
Commissioner Torgan recuses himself.  
Ed Gala, Huntington Beach Presents applicant's report.

**Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 99-256.**

Motion: Altschul                      Second: DeLuccio  
Votes: All Ayes (Torgan abstained)      Motion carried.

**B. Conditional Use Permit 99-20:** 24-hour veterinary clinic.

**Applicant:** TLC Veterinary Clinic  
**Location:** 8723-25 Santa Monica Boulevard  
**Planner:** Jennifer Davis  
**Recommendation:** To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Ms. Davis presented staff report.  
Commission questions staff.  
Todd Elliott, West Hollywood, presented applicant's report.  
Commission questions applicant.  
Matthew Krieger, West Hollywood Applicant presents his report.  
Commissioner Crowe comments on Director's ability to require sound-proofing if needed, as an insurance measure.  
Michael Pitt, West Hills Veterinarian for clinic (speaks on applicant's behalf also), answers concerns over potential animal behavior (noises).

### Public Comment

**Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood** In favor of project, commented on and in favor of condition of employees parking in parking structure.

**Action: To close public hearing.**

Motion: Smith                      Second: DeLuccio  
Votes: All Ayes                      Motion carried.

**Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 99-257, and approve amendment to add five (5) spaces for employee parking at Hancock Avenue when available.**

Motion: Altschul

Second: Anderson

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood** Speaks on building at northeast corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Doheny (former Abigail's Floral) now owned by Outdoor Systems, looks like a dump.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Requests verbal report from staff at next Planning Commission meeting on building at Santa Monica and Doheny (former Abigail's Floral).
- B. West Hollywood Orchestra November 7, 1999
- C. Next Zoning Ordinance (special) meeting November 22, 1999

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- A. Ms. Heep reminded Commission of request from Transportation Commission to have a subcommittee of the Planning Commission regarding Marix Restaurant and various alternative proposals. Commissioner Torgan volunteered for subcommittee and Chair Smith will also participate.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action: To adjourn to a regular session of the Planning Commission to November 18, 1999 at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.**

Motion: Crowe

Second: Torgan

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.**

**CHAIRPERSON:** Stephen H. Smith

**ATTEST:**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** [Signature]