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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 18, 1999

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Jeanne Dobrin.

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; John Chase, Urban Designer; Jennifer Davis, Senior Planner; Emmeline Elzin, Contract Planner; Terry Blount, Associate Planner; Tim Foy, Senior Planner; Erika Fleming, City Attorney's Office; Tony Leyva, Acting Administrative Assistant.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action:

To approve the Agenda.

Motion:

Altschul

Second:

Torgan

Commissioner DeLuccio pointed out an item missing under Commission Consideration, item 6D (Sky Sushi) under Public Hearing. Ms. Heep suggested a motion to move the Agenda with item 6D (for those who had as item 6D) under Public Hearing be amended to an item under Commission Consideration for those who did not have the item under that section.

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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood Commented on last City Council meeting, and on Sunset Millennium.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Action: Pull October 7, 1999 Minutes.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: Abst

Abstained: Altschul, Anderson, Smith

Ayes:

Segal, Crowe, DeLuccio, Torgan

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Action: To amend October 7, 1999 Minutes as follows, and to approve the Minutes as amended:

Commissioner Torgan - Page 11, Consideration on Lola's, Resolution 99-247, continued to December 2, 1999; Commissioner DeLuccio - Page 6, Fried Bananas, did not add amendment to include 10-year time limit, Commissioner removed that from his motion.

Motion:

Crowe

Second:

DeLuccio

Votes:

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Creative Sign Permit 99-07 Modifying Creative Sign Permit 94-04: To modify and amend Creative Sign Permit 94-04 for a sign consisting of one wall sign and one roof sign.

Applicant:

Jean-Robert Bellande

Location:

7901 Santa Monica Boulevard (Sky Sushi)

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. 99-263.

Motion: DeLuccio

Second: Altschul

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Variance 98-13 and 99-15: To reduce the front yard setback and to eliminate private open space in order to legalize the enclosure of a balcony.

Applicant:

Richard Kopelle

Location:

915 Wetherly Drive

Planner:

John Keho

Recommendation:

Continued to meeting of December 2, 1999.

B. Sign Modification 99-38: Greater amount of signage than permitted under Zoning Code.

Applicant: John McKinney/Triple A Neon

Location: 8571 Santa Monica Boulevard (Dupar's)

Planner: Tim Foy/John Keho

Recommendation: To approve the request subject to the findings

and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Foy presented staff report. Commission questions staff.

Action: To approve Resolution No. 99-258.

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio Votes: All Aves. Motion carried.

B. Sign Modification 99-01: To put up two (2) marquee signs and one wall sign.

Applicant: Andre Balazs

Location: 8300 Sunset Boulevard (Standard Hotel)

Planner: John Chase

Recommendation: To approve the request subject to the findings

and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Altschul recused himself from this item, this property is within approximately 300 feet of a property of which he has a limited partnership.

Mr. Chase presents staff report, and informs the Commission that Patrick O'Shea on behalf of the Standard Hotel, is present to answer any questions the Commission might have about Code Compliance issues and what they are doing to comply with our rules and regulations.

Ms. Heep informs the Commission that Tom Benedetti from Code Compliance is present by request of one of the Commissioners to answer questions pertaining to code issues related to this property.

Commission questions to staff.

Commissioner Torgan requests staff to comment on Code Compliance issues.

Mr. Benedetti presents staff report.

Action: To move Resolution No. 99-262.

Move: DeLuccio Second: Anderson Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

Chair Smith requests Commissioner Altschul rejoining the Commission.

Commissioner Altschul rejoins the Commission.

Commissioner Anderson comments on Zoning Code Ordinance rewrites pertaining to Creative Sign Permits requests coming before the Commission for approval, and what a waste of time it is for the applicants and that it should be done at an administrative level. She requested this matter be taken up at the next Zoning Code Ordinance rewrite meeting. Chair Smith request Ms. Heep make a note of that.

B. Conditional Use Permit 99-25, Development Permit 99-44, Parking Use Permit 99-09: Change in use of 2,500 square feet of existing space from office/studio space to a theater/performance space with off-site parking at 1114 N. Sycamore Avenue in Los Angeles.

Applicant:

Bill Sterritt/Hollywood Central, Inc.

Location:

7070 Santa Monica Boulevard (theater)

1114 N. Sycamore Avenue, Los Angeles (off-

site parking)

Planner:

Terry Blount

Recommendation:

To approve the request subject to the findings

and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Blount presents staff report. Commission questions staff.

Public Comment

Anthony Marciona, Los Angeles Partner of applicant, Bill Sterritt, presents applicant's report.

Commission questions City Attorney on part of the property being located (off-site) in Los Angeles.

Wayne Blankenship, West Hollywood In favor of permits requested by applicant, supports project.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood Supports project.

Bill Sterritt, Los Angeles Applicant's rebuttal.

Commissioner DeLuccio comments on for sale sign he saw on the property, and asked applicant to comment on that.

Commission questions applicant.

Commission questions staff.

Action: To approve Resolution No. 99-264 with amendments from the City

Attorney, and the secured license per the resolution.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Torgan

Votes: All Ayes (Unanimous)

Motion passed.

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).

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9. ITEN	IS FROM STAFF		
have vario	Heep reminded Commission of request from Transportation Commission to rea subcommittee of the Planning Commission regarding Marix Restaurant and ious alternative proposals. Commissioner Torgan volunteered for subcommittee I Chair Smith will also participate.		
10. ADJ	OURNMENT	·	
Action:	To adjourn to a regular session of the Planning Commission to November 18, 1999 at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. Sar Vicente Boulevard.		
Motion: Votes:	Crowe All Ayes	Second: Torgan Motion carried.	

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF ______, 1999.

CHAIRPERSON:

ATTEST:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: