

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 2, 1997

West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Fischer.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

David Behr, Brad Crowe, D'Lynda Fischer, Thomas

Jones, James Litz, Steve Smith

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director;

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Chase, Urban

Designer; Thinh Tran, Administrative Staff

Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Litz Motion carried.

Votes: All Ayes (Jones absent)

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. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented that the bar at the Sunset Marquis Hotel is not being run by Hotel employees as conditioned in their permit.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes, November 21, 1996

Action: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Behr Votes: All Ayes Second: Litz

Motion carried.

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

ITEM 3.B

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Creative Sign Permit 96-99

Applicant:

Jeffrey Stein

Location:

8612 Melrose Avenue (Elixor Tonic and Teas)

Case Planner:

John Chase

Recommendation: Approve the proposed Creative Sign subject to the findings and conditions set forth in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Chase presented the staff report.

Commissioner Jones is present from this point forward.

The commission discussed grandfathered rights.

Action: To approved Creative Sign Permit 96-99.

Motion: Litz Votes: All Aves Second: Smith Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on triangle signs, Items from Commissioners, restaurants under 1200 square feet with no additional parking.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Report from the Nightclub Council

None.

B. Report from the Eastside Redevelopment Committee

Commissioner Jones stated that the Redevelopment Plan would be presented to the Planning Commission on January 16.

- C. Reduction in Parking Requirements for Restaurants Under 1200 Square Feet
 Commissioner Litz suggested to put in place a moratorium. Commissioner Crowe stated that the pros and cons regarding zoning code changes should be analyzed and is not supportive of a moratorium. Commissioner Behr suggested that an analysis could be undertaken to study the benefits of this code section based on openings/closings of restaurants. Commissioner Smith stated that this should be thoroughly discussed and agendized, but did not want a moratorium. Ms. Heep stated and the Commission concurred that this could be discussed at the joint Planning Commission/City Council session on January 27 regarding zoning code revisions.
- **D.** Commissioner Jones stated that in the November 21, 1996 minutes, item 8D, his statement was misquoted and should read that the City has done its best to process the applications expeditiously.
- **E.** Commissioner Behr stated that he would like the Beverly Square West FEIR to be delivered to the Planning Commissioners as soon as they are available.

- F. Commissioner Smith would like staff to look into Ms. Dobrin's statements regarding bar operation at Sunset Marguis Hotel; Commissioner Crowe concurred.
- G. Commissioner Jones inquired about Billboard Live; Mr. Reynolds stated that they had given staff a schedule for fixing the sidewalk and rust problems.
- H. Commissioner Litz inquired whether City Council had given direction to not enforce triangle/sandwich signs; Ms. Heep stated that this is true and not strictly enforced.
- Commissioner Litz inquired about the sidewalks at the Koo Koo Roo construction site; Mr. Reynolds stated that Code Enforcement is working with them.
- J. Commissioner Behr inquired about parking requirements for nightclubs; Ms. Heep stated that the City Council has placed this item on hold.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Director's Update - Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented an update on the following:

- Roxbury
- Mondrian
- Pacific Design Center
- Beverly Square West
- **January Meeting Dates**

Commissioner Fischer asked if the joint session be rescheduled; Mr. Reynolds stated that staff will look into this.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the next meeting of the Planning Commission on January 16, 1997 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San

Vicente Boulevard.

Motion: Crowe Votes: All Ayes

Second: Smith Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY 20, 1997.

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: __ Rough