



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 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:

John Altschul, David Behr, Brad Crowe, D'Lynda Fischer, James Litz, Steve Smith

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director;
Tim Foy, Associate Planner; Thinh Tran,
Administrative Staff Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To remove Item 5B and approve the Agenda, as amended.

Motion: Litz

Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes (Jones absent)

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. **Harriet Segal**, West Hollywood, commented that she did not receive a notice and expressed opposition to the project at 8960 Sunset Boulevard.
- b. **Don Savoie**, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, commented that the Santa Monica Boulevard Association will be sending out questionnaires to businesses and would like to meet with members of the Planning Commission regarding this, and that the Chamber's band competition on Sunset Boulevard raised over \$20,000 for the security program.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

ITEM 3.F

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Santa Monica Boulevard Public Participation Program

Applicant: Planning Division, City of West Hollywood
Location: Santa Monica Boulevard, within City boundaries
Case Planner: Hassan Haghani

Recommendation: Receive and file information on the process to involve the public in a long-term visioning process for Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mr. Reynolds made introductory comments regarding this project.

Mr. Haghani presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Route 66 history recognition
- whether the project would involve a specific plan

B. East Side Redevelopment Plan - Finding of Consistency with the General Plan

Applicant: City of West Hollywood
Location: East Side Redevelopment Project Area
Case Planner: Allyne Winderman

This item has been removed and scheduled for February 20, 1997.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Modification of Demolition Permit 90-27

Applicant: United Valet Parking
Location: 8960 Sunset Boulevard
Case Planner: Timothy Foy

Recommendation: Approve the application, subject to the conditions set forth in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Foy presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed:

- reasons for change/modification to permit from five years ago
- possibility of fines for starting operations without permits
- Temporary Use Permits and expiration times

a. Michael Hajebnia, Applicant, presented Applicant's report.

b. Harriet Segal (given time by Sybil Zaden), West Hollywood, commented on construction of lot overnight, noise, issuance of permits, 9000 Sunset parking garage's night-time availability, code enforcement, hours of operation, and water drainage, and expressed opposition against the project.

- c. **Bud Kopps**, West Hollywood, commented that the parking demands that exist now are same as five years ago, and on noise, speeding cars, and setting of precedence.
- d. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented on surface parking lots, noise, nightclubs, fines, and City's responsibility to provide quiet neighborhoods.

Mr. Hajebnia rebutted.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Litz

Second: Smith

Votes: All Ayes (Jones absent)

Motion carried.

Action: To deny the Modification of Demolition Permit 90-27 application.

Motion: Litz

Second: Smith

Votes: All Ayes (Jones absent)

Motion carried.

The Commission discussed:

- owner's affidavit form is insufficient and needs revision
- condition of sound barrier
- open surface lots do not work
- impediment to Sunset Specific Plan

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented that Commissioner Altschul's legal expertise is beneficial to the Commission.
- b. **Harriet Segal**, West Hollywood, commented that she liked the new neon sign at the Sheriff's station, and that the original fencing at the 8960 Sunset site should be put back.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- a. Commissioner Litz inquired about the original fencing of 8960 Sunset Boulevard and the impact of City Council's decision if appealed. Mr. Foy stated that it would need to be returned to its original condition, and that there is current code enforcement activity regarding a portion of the wall.
- b. Commissioner Fischer inquired about the next Design Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Foy stated that it is called on an as-need basis. Commissioner Fischer stated that she would be at the May 15 Planning Commission meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Director's Update - Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented an update on the following:

- Zoning Code Revision
- Replay
- Pacific Design Center
- House of Blues
- Temporary Event Permits
- Billboard Live
- Convention & Visitor's Bureau

- CHAB/City Council

Commissioner Litz thanked the Pacific Design Center for their cooperation regarding special events.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the timelines for House of Blues' parking structure and traffic analysis. Mr. Reynolds stated the traffic analysis is 30 days late and that staff will send reminder letter regarding time-lines.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to a regular Planning Commission on Thursday, February 20, 1997 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

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

CHAIRPERSON:



ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

