

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 7, 1996

**West Hollywood Park Auditorium
647 N. 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, Thomas Jones, James Litz, Steve Smith

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Chase, Urban Designer; Teresa Kozlowski, Planning Assistant; Think Tran, Administrative Staff Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Litz

Votes: All Ayes (Smith/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. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Commissioners Smith and Jones present from this point forward.

- a. **Paul Dooks**, West Hollywood, commented on light pollution in neighborhood and that this should be taken in consideration and expressed support of the Koo Koo Roo sign.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes, October 17, 1996

B. Creative Sign Permit 96-57

Applicant: Koo Koo Roo
Location: 8520 Santa Monica Boulevard
Case Planner: John Chase

Action: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Second:
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Conditional Use Permit 96-19

Request approval of new dry-cleaning establishment.

Applicant: Steve Saddat
Location: 8993 Santa Monica Boulevard
Case Planner: Teresa Kozlowski
Recommendation: Approve Conditional Use Permit 96-19, subject to the conditions and findings in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Kozlowski presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed:

- parking and circulation

- a. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented that advertising should state address in West Hollywood, and on concerns regarding parking and hours of operation.

Action: To close the public hearing.
Motion: Crowe Second: Smith
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, expressed concern regarding hours of operation prior to 8 am for dry-cleaning operations.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Report from the Nightclub Council

Commissioner Altschul stated that at the October 23, 1996, meeting the main topic of discussion was the Viper Room. Residents are concerned about the noise from the towing; but they later expressed that the towing was no longer a problem. A resident in Beverly Hills also expressed concern regarding the noise. The major complaint now concerns noise and litter at the intersection of Larrabee and Sunset. The residents expressed that the

meeting should have occurred at a later time in the day, preferably in the evening so that more residents could attend.

Commissioner Crowe stated that the problems associated with the low wall behind the Viper Room should be solved.

Commissioner Behr inquired whether a valet business license is required for the parking lot. Ms. Heep stated that a valet business license would be required if this were a valet operator; Mr. Reynolds stated that staff would follow-up on this.

B. Report from the Eastside Redevelopment Committee

Commissioner Jones stated that the PAC (Project Area Committee) met on October 20, 1996. The PAC members were sworn-in and discussed set-up rules of order and were given two weeks to review these rules.

C. Commissioner Jones stated that there was a good article regarding staff expectations of the Planning Commission in the recent edition of the Planning Commissioners Journal.

D. * Commissioner Behr asked staff to clarify on the issue of hours of operation for dry-cleaners. Ms. Heep stated that there is a condition in the resolution that states that the operation is required to be in compliance with the Noise Ordinance.

Commissioner Behr expressed best-wishes to Rita Guarriello, wife of Councilmember Sal Guarriello.

E. Commissioner Litz commended staff for the emergency lighting in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Commissioner Litz inquired about the condominium construction at Westbourne; he stated that he would inquire with Brent Mullins.

F. Commissioner Altschul commented that he and John Chase attended a CEQA seminar today and thanked Mr. Chase for helping him with CEQA applications for West Hollywood.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Director's Update - Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented an update on the following:

- Bar One
- Zoning Rewrite
- PDC Special Events
- Cedars-Sinai
- Nightclub Council
- Sunset & Hammond/Hilldale
- House of Blues
- Jerry's Famous Deli

The Commission discussed the Jerry's appeal to City Council.

- B. Ms. Heep discussed with the Commission the rescheduling/cancellation of meetings for December 19, 1996 and January. The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of December 19 if this would not interfere with any current projects. Ms. Heep stated that she would come back with more information regarding the available meeting dates in January.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the next meeting of the Planning Commission on November 21, 1996 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion: Litz
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Behr
Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 21, 1996.

CHAIRPERSON:



ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

