

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 21, 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; Hassan Haghani,
Associate Planner; Tim Foy, Associate Planner;
Janis Rhodes, Parking Manager; Thinkh Tran,
Administrative Staff Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the Agenda.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Altschul

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. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- a. **Donald DeLuccio**, West Hollywood, commented on West Hollywood WEST's letter to Ira Smedra/Beverly West Square Associates.

Commissioner Jones is present from this point forward.

The Commission discussed City's involvement with the process (noticing, "sponsorship").

Mr. Foy presented the staff report.

Ms. Rhodes made presentation on parking lot operations.

The Commission discussed the following:

- party responsible for closing the facility at night
- cost analysis
- operations of Pacific Design Center
- implementation timeline for operation of facility
- neighborhood complaints
- non-conforming uses
- landscaping for parking lots
- Commissioners Altschul and Litz attended recent neighborhood meeting
- on-site change machine
- hours of operation for special events

a. **Gail Imler**, West Hollywood, responded to questions from Commission regarding parking lot; is in-favor of the parking plans.

b. **Michael Niemeyer**, Los Angeles, owner of Mickey's, expressed that he is in-favor of parking plans and commented on PDC parking refunds.

The Commission discussed the following:

- current storage
- valet parking

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Litz

Second: Crowe

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Action: To approve DVP 96-39, subject to the conditions and findings in the proposed resolution.

Motion: Smith

Second: Crowe

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Report from the Nightclub Council

Commissioner Litz stated that there has not been another meeting since the last Planning Commission meeting.

B. Report from the Eastside Redevelopment Committee

Commissioner Jones stated that on November 13, 1996 the Project Area Committee (PAC) discussed operational issues and filling of vacant seats.

Commissioner Jones inquired whether the cost of removal of posted flyers can be charged to the business advertised; Mr. Reynolds stated that many times the operator hires another party to do posting, thus claiming that this other party is responsible. Mr. Reynolds stated that he will look into this. Commissioner Jones also inquired about status of Billboard Live! and the rusting panels of the facade; Mr. Reynolds stated that this will be looked into also.

- C. Commissioner Fischer inquired about utilization of City's parking facilities for new businesses for their off-site parking requirements; Ms. Heep stated that this is currently being studied so that a plan can be integrated, e.g. into the fee system for parking credits.
- D. Commissioner Jones stated that Dublin's is opening on Saturday and that the obtaining of ABC liquor license was not obstructed by City's processes.
- E. Commissioner Smith inquired about ABC hearing regarding Roxbury. Commissioner Jones stated that the judge's decision is being appealed by ABC to Sacramento. Ms. Heep stated that she will keep the Commission updated.
- F. Commissioner Litz stated that postings regarding the removal of cars for the sealing of the public-right-of-way has the incorrect date and should be the 26th.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Director's Update - Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented an update on the following:

- 1153 Formosa
- House of Blues
- Sunset & Hammond/Hilldale

Commissioner Altschul stated that there were cars parked on lot. Mr. Reynolds stated that have Code Compliance look into this.

- Toon Town
- Jerry's Famous Deli
- Warner Brothers

B. Proposal to Cancel December 19 1996 Planning Commission Meeting and Possibly Re-schedule January 2nd and 16th Meetings to January 9th and 23rd.

Ms. Heep stated options. The Commission decided to cancel both meetings in December 1996 and to keep both meeting dates of January 2 and January 16, as well as the Monday, January 27th Joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting on the Zoning Ordinance and the January 30th special meeting on the Beverly West Square Project (Chasen's).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the next meeting of the Planning Commission on January 2, 1996 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion: Litz
 Votes: All Ayes

Second: Crowe
 Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF JANUARY 2, 1996.

CHAIRPERSON:



ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

