

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 1995

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Litz.

B. Roll Call:
Commissioners Present: David Behr, Brad Crowe, Thomas Jones, Jeff Lambert, James Litz, Stephen Smith

Staff Present: Allyne Winderman, Acting Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; Hassan Haghani, Associate Planner; Thin Tran, Administrative Staff Assistant.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To pull Item 3A from the Consent Calendar and approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion: Crowe 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.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented that the City should encourage/require businesses that advertise, for example, in Architectural Digest, to list their business address in West Hollywood to promote the City's economy, possibly by requiring this through the conditional use permitting process.

IV. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from October 19, 1995.

Action: To approve the Planning Commission minutes from October 19, 1995, with the following amendments:

- on second line of page 3, to read “Commissioner Behr stated that he would be voting no on this proposal because he felt that adding lettering to a mural does not make a creative sign,
- on page 3, Section V(A), following Mr. Foy’s staff presentation, to read: “The Commission discussed the following: City Attorney’s recommendation regarding the driveway easement....”
- and on top of page 4, under the action to approve Resolution PC 95-43, the 2nd last bullet to be amended to include “driveway.”

Motion: Lambert

Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes (Jones absent)

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Variance 95-04 (8823-25 Rangely Avenue)

Request for a variance to allow a wall sloping from 4 feet to 5 1/2 feet instead of no more than 3 1/2 feet in a residential front yard.

Applicant: Mark Lehman (for Jeff Yarbrough)

Location: 8823-25 Rangely Ave.

Case Planner: Hassan Haghani

Recommendation: Approve draft Resolution PC 95-46 approving Variance 95-04.

Mr. Haghani presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the following:

- safety of a wall that was built without City’s approval
 - height
 - the amount of properties that are in violation with the Zoning Code regarding wall and hedges.
 - Zoning Ordinance needs to be changed.
- a. Jeff Yarbrough, Applicant, commented that he has been a homeowner in West Hollywood since 1986, presented photographs of his property and a petition in favor of his variance.
 - b. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented that she understands Mr. Yarbrough’s concerns since one of the adjacent properties is Eclipse Restaurant, on the 9009 Elevado variance application and Mr. Guilaroff’s application, and that the Planning Commission should approve the variance.
 - c. Mark Lehman, the Applicant’s representative, commented on the topography and that the wall is aesthetically pleasing.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Crowe
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Jones
Motion carried.

Action: To approve Resolution PC 95-46.

Motion: Crowe
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Smith
Motion carried.

VI. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented that variance cases like the one tonight are embarrassing to the City, and that Mark Lehman should remember that any information given to the Planning Commission must be copied for the public.

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

IX. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. Construction Staging for the Municipal Parking Facility

Commissioner Litz commented that the law requires that there be a sidewalk.

Commissioner Jones commented that impacts should be studied before a project begins construction.

Commissioner Lambert commented that the area seems safer than it had been before the current facilities were constructed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

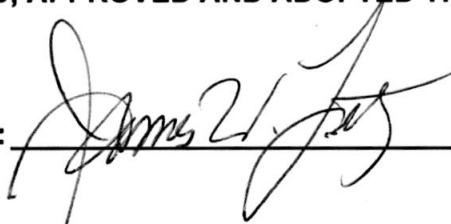
Action: To adjourn to the next meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, November 16, 1995 from 6:30 pm until completion at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium at 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard in West Hollywood. A study session on the West Hollywood Housing Corporation will be held from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The remainder of the agenda will begin at 8:00 PM.

Motion: Crowe
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Behr
Motion carried.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 16, 1995.

CHAIRPERSON:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

acting
