

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1992

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 by Commissioner Litz at 7:08 p.m.

Jeffrey Lambert took the oath of office as the new Planning Commissioner.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeffrey Lambert.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Behr, Crowe, Lambert, Litz, Richmond, Smith, Zaden

Others Present: Gay Forbes, Director; Anne Browning, Planning Manager; John Jakupcak and Jennifer Davis, Associate Planners; Sharon Schiffman, City Engineer; David Hare, Environmental Programs Analyst; Chris Patrouch, Transportation Planner; David Amorena, Assistant Planner; Angela Reynolds, Planning Technician; Craig Rhea, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To pull the Consent Calendar and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Zaden Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

D. This agenda was posted at City Hall, Community Development Department counter, West Hollywood Library on San Vicente Boulevard and Plummer Park.

Action: To approve Conditional Use Permit 92-09.

Motion: Crowe Second: Behr

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

2. "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 92-08 ON AN APPLICATION BY DAVID COOLEY FOR A NEW BAR/RESTAURANT, PREY, TO SERVE ALCOHOL ON-SITE."

Commissioner Behr requested that Condition "M" of the resolution be eliminated and to make the issuance of the permit subject to annual review.

Action: To approve Conditional Use Permit 92-08 as amended.

Motion: Crowe Second: Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

IV. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- A. Temporary Use Permit 92-20 for a temporary parking lot behind Sunset Plaza at 8600-8720 Sunset Boulevard

Recommendation: Amend the agenda to allow the review of this item until 7:45 p.m. and approve TUP 92-20 subject to findings and conditions of Draft Resolution 92-20.

Jennifer Davis presented the staff report.

Larry Mackel, South Pasadena, spoke for the project as applicant's representative.

The following commented on the project:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
James Moore, West Hollywood
Jamie Wolf, on behalf of West Hollywood Urban Conservation League
Lee Linderman, West Hollywood

Larry Mackel was given the opportunity to rebut comments from the public.

Action: To approve Temporary Use Permit 92-20 with the following conditions: All existing mature trees shall be preserved on site, when feasible; The sidewalks on Holloway shall be swept once a week and the landscaping

(109,500 sq.ft.), new support offices (140,000 sq.ft.), additional warehouse storage (42,000 sq.ft.) and 556 additional parking spaces. Plan also includes an option to respond to shifts in industry trends resulting in increased need for support offices, reduced need for sound stages. The request also includes a General Plan Text Amendment amending Section 1.13.22 of the General Plan and a Zoning Text Amendment of Section 9226.C.2 of the Zoning Ordinance for proposed increase of heights up to 160 feet. The comprehensive development plan will be secured by a development agreement.

Applicant: Warner Studios
Owner: Warner Studios
Location: 1041 N. Formosa Avenue/
7116-7156 Santa Monica Boulevard

Recommended Action:

1. Recommend to City Council certification of the Final EIR.
2. Recommend to City Council the approval of General Plan and Zoning Text Amendments subject to the findings of Draft Resolutions PC 92-21 and 92-22.
3. Recommend to City Council the approval of the development plan 90-01 subject to the findings and conditions of draft Resolution No. PC 92-25.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Litz opened the public hearing.

Jean Gath, Los Angeles, represented the applicant.

The following spoke in favor of the project:

Bill Evans, Los Angeles
Elizabeth Michael, Los Angeles
Mike Radcliffe, West Hollywood

The following commented on the project:

Steve Rose, West Hollywood
Jamie Wolf, representing West Hollywood Urban Conservation League

Jean Gath rebutted public testimony.

Action: To continue this hearing to the second meeting in September, 1992.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VI. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS - None

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Designate an appointee for the West Hollywood Pride Award.

Action: To nominate Commissioner Zaden as Planning Commission representative to the West Hollywood Pride Award.

Motion: Litz Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Commissioner Richmond was appointed as alternate.

- B. Commissioner Richmond asked about following up on all the annual reviews that the Planning Commission required on resolutions and how staff keeps track of these. Anne Browning informed the Commission that there is a tickler file where staff keeps track of the resolutions coming up for review and Code Enforcement conducts an inspection at the time the project is to be reviewed. Commissioner Crowe suggested that fees can be collected to review these reports.
- C. Commissioner Lambert said he is pleased to be part of the Planning Commission.
- D. Commissioner Smith expressed his thanks to Commissioner Clavan for his hard work during his tenure.
- E. On the Sunset Plaza parking lot, Commissioner Behr expressed his dislike over the word "temporary".
- F. Commissioner Litz announced the reception for Commissioners on August 31st.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Anne Browning announced that the Gateway South project will go on appeal before the City Council on September 8, 1992.

- B. Anne Browning called on Commissioner Lambert who gave the details on the upcoming American Planning Association Conference on November 7-10, 1992. It is a local conference so all Commissioners are invited to attend this.
- C. Gay Forbes thanked Commissioner Crowe for his compliments on John Jakupcak's staff report and presentation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

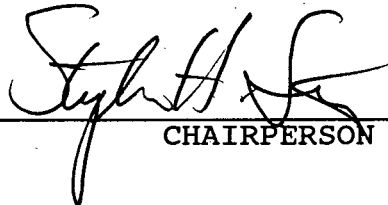
Action: To adjourn to the meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, September 3, 1992, 7:00 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Zaden

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT