CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 20, 1991

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 7:05 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led

by Councilmember Guarriello.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Behr, Clavan, Crowe, Litz,

Richmond, Smith, Zaden

Others Present: Gay Forbes, Director; Anne

Browning, Planning Manager; Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager; John Jakupcak, Associate Planner; David Amorena, Assistant Planner; Tom Hamlett, Code Enforcement Officer; Craig Rhea, Secretary

. . 1 .

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Crowe Second: Smith

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.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

A. Linda Pate, Los Angeles, talked on 8250 Roxbury Road. She wants more information on the proposed replacement of a swimming pool with parking spaces.

B. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, spoke on the June 6, 1991 public hearing regarding the Ben Frank's property. She voiced her disapproval of Commissioners intimidating people giving public testimony.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. June 20, 1991

Action: To approve the minutes of June 20, 1991.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: Ayes - Clavan, Crowe, Litz, Richmond, Smith,

Zaden

Abstain - Behr

Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATION

Update regarding the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Plan.

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, presented a brief report on the Congestion Management Plan and its implications for planning in West Hollywood. There was discussion about the merits of the plan and Commissioners expressed concerns about possible fees, parking restrictions and decentralization of planning in the County.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Appeal of Cultural Resource Designation 91-02 and Cultural Resource Designation 91-03 - Appeal of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board's decision not to include 1320 N. Harper Avenue in either the Courtyard Thematic District or the Harper Avenue District.

Appellants: Jamie Wolf and Jennifer Bassey

Owner: Gregory Spencer

Location: 1320 N. Harper Avenue

Recommended Action: Uphold the decision of the Cultural

Heritage Advisory Board to not include 1320 N. Harper Avenue in the Harper Avenue District and the Courtyard Thematic District.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Litz opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the appeal:

Jamie Wolf, West Hollywood Urban Conservation League Rick Pecarovich, West Hollywood Peter Dudar, Los Angeles Sally Marr, Los Angeles Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

The following spoke against the appeal:

Boyd Willat, Los Angeles Walter Johnson, Long Beach Ron House, West Hollywood Luther Davis, West Hollywood

Boyd Willat, Jeff Lambert and Walter Johnson rebutted public testimony (against the appeal).

Jamie Wolf rebutted public testimony (for the appeal).

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Action: To uphold the decision of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board which is not to include 1320 N. Harper Avenue in the Harper Avenue District and the Courtyard Thematic District.

Motion: Crowe Second: Smith

Vote: Ayes - Crowe, Litz, Smith, Zaden

Noes - Behr, Clavan, Richmond

Motion carried.

B. Demolition Permit 91-05, Development Permit 91-08 - Request to demolish a one-car garage and construct a new residential rental unit, two-car garage and single-car carport.

Applicant:

Dong Lee

Owner:

Somchai Worasopum

Location:

7621 Norton Avenue

Recommended Action: Approve Demolition Permit 91-05 and

Development Permit 91-08, subject to the findings and conditions contained in draft Resolution No. PC 91-33.

David Amorena presented the staff report.

Commissioner Litz opened the public hearing.

Somchai Worasopum, West Hollywood spoke for the project.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Zaden

Vote:

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Action: To approve Demolition Permit 91-05 and Development Permit 91-08 as recommended by staff.

Motion:

Crowe

Second:

Zaden

Vote:

All Ayes

Motion carried.

VII. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Consider approving requests for a one-year extension of the expiration dates of Resolution Nos. PC 89-30, PC 89-31, PC 89-32 and PC 89-33 for properties located at 853 and 861 Westbourne Drive.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Action: To approve one-year extension of the expiration dates of Resolution Nos. PC 89-30, PC 89-31, PC 89-32 and PC 89-33 for properties located at 853 and 861 Westbourne Drive.

Motion: Zaden

Second:

Richmond

Vote:

Ayes - Behr, Crowe, Richmond, Smith, Zaden

Noes - Litz

Abstain - Clavan

Motion carried.

B. Consider request for approval of a Sign Program for property located at 7771-7781 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Tom Hamlett presented the staff report.

Action: Send back to staff for more information and review, and for staff to work with applicant on a temporary solution to signage if there is a new tenant.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VIII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, spoke on signage and signage abatement.

IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Commissioner Clavan spoke about commercial revitalization and would like Planning Commission to have more input.

 Commissioner Litz suggested a study session with Debbie Potter or Bee Wilkening.
- B. Commissioner Richmond addressed the Atlantic Building variance that was brought up by Linda Pate under Items from Citizens (II.1). He asked the Planning Manager to check the original variance to see if the proposal required an amendment to the variance.
- C. Commissioner Zaden wanted to know if the 1038 Carol Drive resolution has been approved and signed.
- D. Commissioner Smith informed the Commission about the Site Selection Committee study session with the City Council on July 9, 1991, and encouraged the members to share their ideas so he can take it up during the meeting.
- E. Commissioner Crowe reminded staff about the possibility of an alcoholic beverage overlay for off-site consumption.
- F. Commissioner Behr asked Anne Browning how the City can prevent proliferation of pawn shops. Commissioner Crowe suggested studying how City of Beverly Hills regulates pawn shops in their area.

X. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Anne Browning reminded the Commissioners about renewal of Official City Business parking permits.
- B. Anne Browning mentioned that City Council has requested the Planning Commission to cut \$2,000 from the travel/conference budget of the Planning Division.
- C. In answer to Commissioner Zaden request for information on next year's conferences, Anne will obtain the schedule and inform the Commission.

XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of a Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Smith was elected.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the study session of the Planning Commission on Thursday, July 11, 1991, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Community Conference Room (downstairs).

Motion:

Crowe

Second:

Richmond

Vote:

All Ayes

Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT