

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 1990

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Siegel at 7:09 p.m.

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

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Guarriello, Litz, Richmond, Siegel, Gene Smith, Steve Smith

Others Present: Mark Winogron, Director; Mike Jenkins, City Attorney; Anne Browning, Planning Manager; Tim Gawronski, Urban Planner; John Jakupcak, Associate Planner; David Amorena, Planning Technician; William Meeker, Associate Planner; Harden Carter, Consultant; M.F. Gatanela, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

To pull Items IV.A, IV.B, IV.C, and IV.D; continue Item VI.E to January 18, 1990, and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Richmond Second: Steve Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.



Pulled by Commissioner Guarriello to request that the portion regarding street widening be removed from the findings.

Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 89-47 as amended.

Motion: Richmond Second: Gene Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

C. Approval of revised open space plan for 950 Doheny Drive.

Pulled by Commissioner Litz. He requested for explanation from staff. Staff explained that the Commission, in its approval of this project last Spring, requested that the final drawings come back to them prior to construction. Staff said that the rooftop has been configured and is now a usable area, and on the recreation level, a patio-balcony type area has been added in addition to the recreation room.

Action: To approve the revised open space plan for 950 Doheny Drive.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

D. Resolution No. PC 90-01 approving Major Conditional Use Permit 90-01 on an application of European Select for property at 8930 Sunset Boulevard.

Pulled by Commissioner Richmond to reword condition 5.g on page 3 which reads, "No inventory should be parked on the street, on either 8929 or 8930". Instead it should read, "No inventory of this business shall be parked on the street at any location," and typographical error on condition 5.h to be cleaned up.

Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 90-01 with the changes.

Motion: Richmond Second: Steve Smith

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Variance 89-05 - Request to project into the front and rear yard setbacks.

Applicant: Lonny William Haatia

Location: 8830 Betty Way

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 90-03.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Siegel opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the project:

Lonny Haatia, West Hollywood, applicant  
Mike Morris, West Hollywood  
Gerald L. Rome, West Hollywood  
Robert King, West Hollywood  
Frederick R. San-Chez, West Hollywood  
Sharon Rappino, West Hollywood  
Luigi Rappino, West Hollywood

The following spoke against the project:

Margaret Spence, West Hollywood  
Beatrice Strauss, West Hollywood  
Steve Chapman, West Hollywood  
Allan Nixon, West Hollywood  
John Korswagen, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

The following commented on the project:

Gary Augeri, West Hollywood

Lonny Haatia rebutted public testimony.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Action: To deny Variance 89-05 without prejudice.

Motion: Litz Second: Steve Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

At this point, Commissioner Steve Smith left the meeting.

Action: To continued Item VI.D to the next Planning Commission meeting on February 15, 1990.

Motion: Litz Second: Richmond

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

- B. Demolition Permit 88-17; Development Permit 88-49 - Request to demolish all existing structures on the south side of Sunset Boulevard, between Hammond and Hilldale Avenues and to construct a 73,910 square foot retail/office commercial project with parking for 476 cars.

Applicant: Sinanian Development/Andy Sinanian

Location: 8950-8970 Sunset Boulevard

Recommended Action: Approve Demolition Permit 88-17 and Development Permit 88-49 subject to the conditions and mitigation programs detailed in the staff report by adopting Resolution 90-02.

Commissioner Siegel reopened the public hearing.

The following spoke against the project:

Rochelle Sommers Smith, West Hollywood  
Kevin Lucas, Los Angeles  
Cynthia Adkins, West Hollywood  
Stuart Kiehl, West Hollywood  
Harriet Segal, West Hollywood  
Gregory Alosio, West Hollywood  
Maritza Norman, West Hollywood  
Ellen Bjerre, Los Angeles  
Allan Katz, West Hollywood  
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood  
Jamie Wolf, West Hollywood  
Daryl V. Masin, West Hollywood  
David Behr, West Hollywood

Jeff Seymour rebutted public testimony.

Action: To continue to February 15, 1990, and be taken as the first item on public hearing.

Motion: Litz Second: Gene Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

- C. Development Permit 89-47; Conditional Use Permit 89-22; Demolition Permit 89-17; and Tentative Parcel Map #21623 - Request to demolish a single-family structure and construct a four-unit condominium.

Applicant: Tajy Newman

Location: 627 N. Sweetzer

Recommended Action: Approve the request based on the conditions set forth in Resolution No. 90-04.

Harden Carter presented the staff report.

Commissioner Siegel opened the public hearing.

Albert Mekelian, architect, spoke for the project:

The following spoke against the project:

Joseph Rosenfeld, West Hollywood

Albert Mekelian rebutted public testimony.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Gene Smith Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Action: To approve and adopt Resolutions No. 90-04 and 90-07.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

#### VI. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- A. Staff request direction from the Commission procedure for extending Resolution 88-12 for Development Permit 87-96 and Demolition Permit 87-36 for property located at 8775 Sunset (Ersa Grae project).

Tim Gawronski gave a brief staff report.



VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Staff gave a report on noticing of Planning project on City cable channel, and that Public Information was contacted regarding this. Commissioners gave suggestions how to improve public noticing.
- B. The report on how developers compensate for no net increase in sewage capacity for new projects is being investigated by the Department of Public Works and will be ready for the first regular meeting on March.
- C. Staff reminded the Commission about selecting a representative to participate in the discussions concerning the proposed parking structures. Commissioner Gene Smith was appointed with Commissioner Siegel as alternate.
- D. Staff announced that the Planning Commissioners Institute, under the sponsorship of the League of California Cities, will be on March 21-23, 1990 in San Diego.
- E. The Commissioners were informed about a workshop to review the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training sometime in March.
- F. Staff suggested that the Commission think of a potential time for a team building with the Department. Commissioner Richmond suggested sometime after elections.

X. ADJOURNMENT

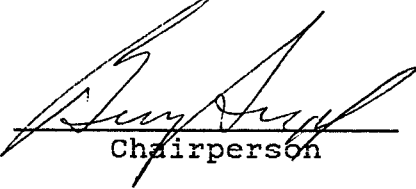
Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, February 15, 1990, 7:00 p.m., West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Motion: Gene Smith

Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT