

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 1, 1990

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 Siegel at 7:08 p.m.

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

B. Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Absent: Gene Smith

Others Present: Anne Browning, Planning Manager; Tim Gawronski, Urban Designer; John Jakupcak, Associate Planner; David Amorena, Planning Technician; Moonyeen Gatanela, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To pull Item III.A.2 and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Litz Second: Richmond

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

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, expressed her satisfaction on the performance of the code enforcement section. She talked about West Hollywood landmarks and mentioned her ideas regarding where entry signs should be located throughout the City, and complained about Maxfield Blue.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Resolution

Resolution No. 90-06 approving Minor Conditional Use Permit 89-21 on an application of Jerome Buckmelter for L.A. Cellular to permit the development and operation of a commercial cellular telephone facility with roof-mounted antennas at 9029 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Action: To approve Resolution No. 90-06.

Motion: Litz Second: Richmond

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried

IV. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Resolution No. PC 90-02 denying Development Permit 88-49 and Demolition Permit 88-17, filed by Sinanian Development for a mixed-use development with 73,910 square feet of retail, restaurant, and office space and parking for 476 cars and three residential units at 8950-8970 Sunset Boulevard.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

This was pulled by Commissioner Litz. He recommended that the Sinanian project and Sunset Boulevard be taken up separately and the latter be deleted from the resolution.

Action: To approve the resolution with the changes recommended by the City Attorney and to renumber the sections accordingly.

Action: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: Ayes - Richmond, Litz, Siegel

Noes - Guarriello

No action.

Action: To reconsider and take another vote.

Action: Guarriello Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Action: To modify and approve Resolution 90-02
denying Development Permit 88-49 and Demolition Permit
88-17.

Action: Litz Second: Guarriello

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Variance 89-06 - Request to project a second story
addition into the required side yard.

Applicant/Owner: Arlett Vereecke

Location: 8960 Vista Grande Street

Recommended Action: Deny the variance request based on
inability to make required
findings.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Siegel opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the project:

Lauren Linde, City of Glendale, representing the
applicant

Andonia Katsaros, West Hollywood

The following spoke against the project:

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Lauren Linde rebutted public testimony.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Action: Motion carried.

Action: To approve the Resolution and deny the request for Variance 90-06 with the findings as recommended by staff.

Motion: Richmond Second: Litz

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

At this point, Commissioner Steve Smith arrived.

- B. Development Permit 89-24; Conditional Use Permit 89-23 - Request to construct a 12-unit condominium building. Project has been redesigned since its initial review on January 4, 1990.

Applicant: Taka Vemura and Grant Wada

Owner: Baylund Corporation

Location: 9024-9026 Cynthia Street

Recommended Action: Approve Development Permit 89-44 and Conditional Use Permit 89-23 subject to the conditions contained in Resolution No. PC 90-02.

Tim Gawronski presented the staff report.

Commissioner Siegel opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the project:

Grant Wada, representing the applicant
Brad Isaacson, West Hollywood
Robert Earl, architect of the project

The following spoke against the project:

David Behr, West Hollywood
Gary Dontzig, West Hollywood
Timothy Boland, West Hollywood
Andonia Katsaros, West Hollywood

Ken Savage, West Hollywood
Miriam Brien, West Hollywood
Phil Elder, West Hollywood
Maureen Munce, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Ione Edelstein, West Hollywood

Grant Wada and Taka Vemura rebutted public testimony.

Action: To continue the public hearing to April 5,
1990.

Motion: Litz Second: Guarriello

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VI. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Appeal of Department of Community Development approval of a
Zone Clearance for two roof-top additions at 842 N. Palm
Avenue.

David Amorena presented the staff report.

Although not a public hearing, comments were heard by the
Commission.

Peter de Maria, appellant, spoke against the approval.

Leon Ozeran, owner of the property, spoke for the project.

The following spoke against the approval:

Michael Arkin, West Hollywood
Lee Henley, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Philip Solodkin, West Hollywood
David Behr, West Hollywood
Jennifer de Maria, West Hollywood

Peter de Maria and Leon Ozeran rebutted public testimony.

Action: To continue to the next meeting on March 15, 1990,
with instructions for staff to review carefully during that
time period relevant ordinances to see what would help the
Commission in this kind of situation.

Action: Siegel Second: Guarriello

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Representative to the Strategic Planning Committee.
- B. Commissioner Siegel commented on the Chairs Meeting.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Litz

Second: Guarriello

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT