

MINUTES

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 16, 1989

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 Richmond at 7:01 p.m.

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

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Richmond, Guarriello, Liebowitz-Neglia, Read, Siegel, Gene Smith, Steve Smith

Others Present: Mark Winogron, Director; Dina Tasini, Associate Planner; Joyce Parker-Bozylinski, Associate Planner; Anne Browning, Associate Planner; John Jakupcak, Assistant Planner; David Amorena, Planning Technician; M. Gatanela, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Read

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

D. Posting of Agenda

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

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, talked on the Sign Ordinance. She has observed that banners are again cropping up and suggested writing the violators to save time of code enforcement officers.
- B. Bruce Traub, West Hollywood, talked about the decision on the Murray Iron Works appeal. He suggested that on appeals, there should be a Planning staff present at the City Council meetings to convey the feelings of the Planning Commission.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. March 2, 1989

B. Approval of Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Nos. PC 89-07 and 89-08 - Approving Development Permit 88-57, Demolition Permit 88-24, Parcel Map 20733, and Modification 89-01 to demolish an existing duplex and construct a four-unit condominium building.

Action: To approve the consent calendar.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Steve Smith

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Cultural Heritage Preservation Ordinance - Consider a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a Cultural Heritage Preservation Ordinance (continued from March 2, 1989).

Applicant: City of West Hollywood

Location: Citywide

Recommended Action: Close the public hearing and begin discussion on the ordinance.

There was no updated report, but it was mentioned that the Planning Commission held a study session on March 9th, 6:30 p.m., at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Richmond reopened the public hearing.

The following persons commented on the project:

Jim Passarella, West Hollywood
David Cameron, Santa Monica
Barney Gootkin, Los Angeles
Jeff Lambert, Los Angeles
Al Zukor, West Hollywood
Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood
Jack Foreman, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Robert Eilbacher, West Hollywood

Action: To open and continue public hearing to April 13, 1989.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Siegel

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

B. Development Permit 89-02, Demolition Permit 89-01 and Tentative Tract 47295.

Applicant: Mark Kaufman

Location: 9037-47 1/2 Keith Avenue

Recommended Action: Approve subject to findings and conditions contained in draft Resolution Nos. 89-13 and 89-14.

Joyce Parker-Bozylinski presented the staff report.

Commissioner Richmond opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the project:

Mark Kaufman, West Hollywood

The following spoke against the project:

Donna Hyatt Wilhelm, West Hollywood
Melissa Grossan, West Hollywood

Action: To continue to May 4, 1989.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Siegel

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

C. MCUP 88-07 Appeal - Appeal of the approval of a beer and wine license.

Appellant: Dave Behr

Location: 8276 Santa Monica Boulevard

Recommended Action: Deny appeal and uphold the decision of the Director of Community Development.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Richmond opened the public hearing.

Dave Behr (appellant), West Hollywood, presented his objections against the decision of the Director.

The following spoke in favor of the decision:

Richard Tumpowsky, Los Angeles
Susan Schmidt, West Hollywood
Larry Taylor, West Hollywood

The following spoke against the decision:

Nancy Taylor, West Hollywood
Florence Delbarian, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

The appellant rebutted public testimony and answered some questions from the Commissioners.

Action: Grant the appeal and contravene the decision of the Director of Community Development.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Guarriello

Vote: Ayes - Guarriello, Liebowitz-Neglia, Siegel

Noes - Richmond, Read, Steve Smith, Gene Smith

Motion failed.

Action: Deny the appeal and sustain the action of the Director of Community Development.

Motion: Steve Smith Second: Read

Vote: Ayes - Richmond, Read, Steve Smith, Gene Smith
Noes - Guarriello, Liebowitz-Neglia, Siegel

Motion carried.

VI. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- A. Demolition Permit 89-05 - Request to demolish a single-family dwelling at 500 Westbourne Drive.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Richmond explained that although this is not a public hearing, he invited public testimony.

Bob Hart, owner of the property, spoke for the project.

Action: To approve Demolition Permit 89-05.

Motion: Steve Smith Second: Siegel

Vote: Ayes - Guarriello, Read, Siegel, Steve Smith
Noes - Richmond, Liebowitz-Neglia, Gene Smith

Motion carried.

- B. Redesign of 520 N. San Vicente Boulevard

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Action: To approve the redesign of 520 N. San Vicente Boulevard with the provision that staff work with the applicant to improve the side elevation. This building will be for residential use only and no accessory use will be allowed.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Gene Smith

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

C. Redesign of 963 N. Larrabee Street

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Action: To approve the redesign of 963 N. Larrabee with the provisions set forth by staff and Commissioner Gene Smith.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Steve Smith

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

D. Sign Program for 8730 Santa Monica Boulevard

Dina Tasini presented the staff report.

Action: To approve the sign program for 8730 Santa Monica Boulevard with the provision that the sign program that was submitted should be reduced by 27.5 square feet.

Motion: Liebowitz-Neglia Second: Read

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- A. Commissioner Steve Smith read a motion for consideration by the Planning Commission relating to the Cedars Sinai Medical Center. The motion requests that Cedar Sinai Medical Center vote to build the AIDS facility, a move which will be considered by the City of West Hollywood as the act of a good neighbor.

All Commissioners voted to approve this request.

- B. Commissioner Read mentioned that during the annual City Council/City Commissions planning meeting, parking was repeatedly cited as a key problem in the City and inquired about what is being done regarding this issue. The Director of Community Development explained that strategies, identification of areas for parking sites and various sources of funding are presently being investigated.

