#### MINUTES

# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

### **AUGUST 4, 1988**

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

The Planning Commissioners met at 6:00 for a study session on how to conduct more efficient Commission meetings in the future.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The continuation of the meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Richmond at 7:12 p.m.

A. Pledge:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led

by Commissioner Leibowitz-

Neglia.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

Richmond, Guarriello, Leibowitz-

Neglia, Read, Siegel, Gene

Smith, Stephen Smith

Others Present:

Mark Winogrond, Director of Community Development; Howard Zelefsky, Planning Manager, Jeff Archuleta, Associate Planner; M.F. Gatanela, Secretary.

## C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To pull Consent Calendar Items V.A.1, V.A.4 and V.B. and approve the agenda.

Motion: Gene Smith

Second: Leibowitz-Neglia

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All Ayes

Motion carried.

## D. Posting of Agenda

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

II. The special study session was conducted prior to the meeting.

### III. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Budd Kops, West Hollywood, complained on oversized signage of Tower Records and Hotel Valadon and requested strict enforcement.

Florence Delbarian, West Hollywood, wants clarification on a pile of soil behind her property. She wants to know what is going to be developed, parking, working hours, etc.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, was critical of code enforcement on shutting down of patio of Cheers, banners on the Angelus Carpet and parking of the Athletic Club.

David Behr, West Hollywood, complained in dirty and faded awnings along Santa Monica Boulevard, expired banners and enforcement on conditions on the Granville Hotel.

Donna Hyatt, West Hollywood, requested bumps for Keith Avenue due to speeding cars on the corner of Doheny and Keith.

#### IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Marc Sazar, representative of the Fine Arts Board, presented the Board's new Art in Public Places policy.

The Commissioners asked some questions and was informed by staff that a detailed report will be given on September 1, 1988 meeting.

## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: To approve June 16, 1988 and July 7, 1988 minutes.

Motion: Leibowitz-Neglia Second: Gene Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

## VI. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for:
  - 1. December 17, 1987

Pulled by Commissioner Leibowitz-Neglia to let the minutes show that Commissioner Lisa-Marie Krause was present; and Public Hearing V.B Action to read, "...berms shall be added to give the project a more pedestrian-friendly appearance from La Cienega Boulevard".

Commissioner Gene Smith corrected Excluded Consent Calendar IV.B Action to read, "To approve as <u>amended</u>" instead of submitted.

Action: To approve the minutes as amended.

Motion: Gene Smith Second: Leibowitz-Neglia

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

## 2. July 21, 1988

Pulled by Commissioner Leibowitz-Neglia. Correction on Item VI.A, Discussions on Tandem Parking to state:
..."tandem parking will be considered only on very special cases..."; ..."Tandem parking will be considered for outdoor dining on main streets and pedestrian oriented areas, but is not necessarily automatic for restaurants with valets. Tandem parking is specifically omitted for retail".

Action on 6.A to be expanded to read: ... "Accept the report from the sub-committee on tandem parking. Approval of tandem parking will be at the discretion of the Planning Commission. It may be permitted on residential buildings for single family or duplex units on small lots; as parking in excess of code requirements with free valet service; and for a development consisting of entirely affordable units. On commercial buildings, it will be considered for adaptive reuse of buildings when there is no intensification of use; for employee parking; and for parking in excess of code requirements and with free valet service only".

Items on lofts should include ... "that lofts less than 100 square in area or 7 feet in depth will not be required to provide parking".

Items from Commissioners should include letter (c), to state: What is the best and appropriate place for hearings.

Staff was requested to prepare an amended minutes and submit on next Planning Commission meeting.

B. Report on Minor Conditional Use Permit approvals for onsite alcohol when accessory to a restaurant.

Commissioner Richmond invited those who submitted speakers slip on this topic. He also suggested a subcommittee to look into this issue or perhaps a Commissioner would like to make a study. Those who spoke:

Budd Kops, West Hollywood Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood Ira Stein, West Hollywood

### VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Development Permit 88-21 - Request to add 3,900 square feet of space to an existing 7,100 square foot commercial retail building at the Safeway shopping center.

Applicant: R.J. Blanco Co., Inc.

Location: 8951-69 Santa Monica Boulevard

Recommended Action: Deny Development Permit 88-21.

Commissioner Richmond opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the project:

Gordon Duval, representative of R.J. Blanco Co., Inc.

The following persons spoke against the project:

Richard Hervey, 9002 Norma Place, West Hollywood
Mark Enos, 9016 Lloyd Place, West Hollywood
Budd Kops, 941 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
Barry Parker, 8977-1/2 Keith Avenue, West Hollywood
Jonathon Hauser, 8997-1/2 Keith Ave., West Hollywood
Robert/Beverly Turner, 1115 Corsica, Pac. Palisades
Lois Sidney, 8963 Norma Place, West Hollywood
Ken Savage, 8991 Norma Place, West Hollywood
Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, West Hollywood
Donna Hyatt, 9040 Keith Avenue, West Hollywood
Ira Stein, 8944 Dicks, West Hollywood

Joseph Hatori (architect) and Gordon Duval rebutted public testimony.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Leibowitz-Neglia Second: Gene Smith

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Action: To deny Development Permit 88-21.

Motion: Steve Smith Second: Guarriello

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Commissioner Richmond requested staff to give a report on the issues of restriping, outdoor and indoor plant areas, and loading area where the trailers are parked. Also define retail as opposed to multi-sales, circulation, employee parking management plan and encourage ridesharing, etc.

### VIII. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION - None

## IX. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Steve Smith requested staff to inquire from the City Attorney the difference between those who testify and get sworn in and those who testify but invoke their rights under the Brown Act. He wants to be assured that the Commission is dealing with everybody fairly. Commissioner Richmond volunteered to call the City Attorney and get an opinion.

Commissioner S. Smith also requested staff to inquire from the City Attorney if the City has liability should an accident occur on an illegally striped parking structure which the City has knowledge of.

Commissioner Leibowitz-Neglia talked about permitting tandem parking on hotels, an issue which the sub-committee failed to take up. Commissioner Richmond requested the members of the tandem parking sub-committee to discuss this issue and recommend something on the next meeting.

Commissioner Read asked from staff clarification on minimum parking requirements. What guidance are given to applicants and how they can meet the demand for parking even though that demand may exceed the standards the City already has enforced.

Commissioner Siegel brought out the letter he got from Commissioner Hirsch regarding 8920 Sunset Boulevard, requiring mechanical equipment not to be visible at the south line which is the junction of the residential area and the use of large exhaust fan to be located away from residential line.

## X. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on August 18, 1988 at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Motion:

Leibowitz-Neglia

Second: G

Gene Smith

Vote:

All Ayes

Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT