

MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

January 29, 1987
City of West Hollywood

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission, held on the above date at the City Hall Council Chambers, was called to order by Chairperson Fulton at 5:45 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Winogron.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: McAlear, Richmond, Fulton,
Weinberger, Siegel, (7:00
p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Winogron, Director
Howard Zelefsky, Manager
Jeff Lambert, Technician

C. Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: to approve the Agenda as submitted

MOTION: Weinberger SECOND: McAlear

VOTE: All Ayes

Motion Carried

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- o Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, argued that this meeting was not correctly publicized and should be postponed to a later date. She distributed a memo to the Commissioners.

Staff responded that four methods of notification were conducted.

- o Bud Kopps, 969 N. Larrabee, presented a written letter to the Commissioners.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Variance Renewal Analysis - An analysis of options for dealing with expiring variances (continued from January 8, 1987).

The Commission agreed to limit individual speakers from the public to four (4) minutes.

1. Mark Winogron presented the staff report and proposed two questions to the Commission:
 - a. Should variances have time limitations?; and
 - b. How should the City handle existing variances with time-limit expirations and violated conditions of approval?

Commissioner Fulton questioned the legal status of expired variances. Commissioner Richmond questioned the "non-conforming" status of expired variances. These are not non-conforming uses. Also, this time limit should not be challengeable in court because the applicants accepted the time-limit conditions.

2. Public Testimony

- o David Behr, 8127 W. Norton Avenue, 90046, presented written documentation and argued that the list of variance submitted to the Commission includes a number of errors.
- o Joel Edwards, 7321 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90046, read a prepared statement and presented such report to the Planning Commission (attached).
- o Joyce Hundal, 9002 Rangely Avenue, 90048, suggested that L.A. County issued variance were often C.U.P.'s and asked that input from the parking consultant be included in any discussion of existing variances.
- o Ethel Shapiro, 328 Westbourne, requested that existing time limits be retained.
- o Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, 90069, read a prepared statement from Cynthia Grace, Attorney at Law and distributed such to the Commissioners and requested strict enforcement of L.A. County issued variances (attached).

Discussion by Commissioners: (limited to 8:00 p.m.)

The Commission entered into a lengthy discussion and directed staff to explore and update specific cases and to design a process to allow for the review of active cases, identify problems, and mitigate these problems over time.

IV. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

None.

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Civic Center Presentation - DeBretteville and Polyzoids.

Peter DeBretteville presented a slide-show and overview of the Civic Center site selection process. He asked for input from the Commissioner.

- B. Howard Zelefsky introduced the new Associate Planner, Jeff Archuleta, to the Plannig Commission.

VI. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

- o Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, reported three flashing signs: (Unity Savings, Crown Books and the Lottery Sign) and asked that these be abated.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Siegel requested that staff investigate interior construction at a health store on Sunset Boulevard.

Commissioner Richmond asked about the AMC Cinema Complex; is there one proposed in West Hollywood?

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on February 5, 1987.

MOTION: Siegel SECOND: McAlear
VOTE: All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Director of Community Development