

Minutes of The
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 5, 1986

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, at 8611 Santa Monica Boulevard, was called to order by Chairperson Land at 7:07 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bud Siegel.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: McAlear, Richmond, Land,
Weinberger, Seigel
Fulton(7:17), Doering(7:12)
Commissioners Absent: None
Others Present: Mark Winogron, Director;
Dean Sherer, Acting Planning
Manager; Jeff Lambert,
Planning Intern

C. Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: To pull items A and B from Consent Calendar and place them on Agenda after Items From Staff.

Motion: Richmond Second: McAlear

Vote: By unanimous aye vote of Commissioners, the action was passed.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

The following three (3) citizens spoke on items on the Agenda:

1. Ron Shipton, 8718 Rosewood Dr. asked for clarification of procedures for public input at the end of Planning Commission meetings.

2. Budd Kops, 969 N. Larrabee St. expressed his concern about the violation of conditional use permits previously issued by the County of Los Angeles and West Hollywood's enforcement of conditions of prior conditional use permits.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

None

IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Variance No. 85-001 and Conditional Use Permit No. 85-001 for property located at 8358 Sunset Boulevard. (Request for approval of landscaping and building materials plans)

1. Dean Sherer presented the Staff Report.
2. Arlen Andelson, acting as representative for the applicant, briefly described landscaping, irrigation and material plans for above project.
3. Persons in Favor - None
4. Persons in Opposition - None
5. Persons Neutral - None

Discussion by Commissioners:

Commissioners discussed and were in favor of provisions for the continued maintenance of landscaping and irrigation programs of future projects.

ACTION: To approve landscaping, irrigation, and building material plans for Sunset Towers project.

Motion: Siegel Second: McAlear

Vote: Ayes: McAlear, Doering, Richmond, Land, Fulton, Weinberger, Siegel

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- B. Commercial Revitalization
Debbie Potter, Economic Development Manager, and Jim Shirey, Commercial Rehabilitation Specialist, presented a report on West Hollywood's Revitalization Project/ Commercial Revitalization Program along Santa Monica Boulevard.

Public Comments:

1. Budd Kops, 969 N. Larrabee St., expressed concerns regarding the program eligibility requirements, security devices included in the program, and rehabilitation in the Western portion of the City.

2. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia St., expressed concerns about the compliance of the mortuary building's blank wall to the ordinance. She was also concerned about the colors of the project and the provision of street lighting in front of each store to provide "defensible space" for pedestrians.

- C. Discussion by Commissioners:
The Commissioners discussed issues of targeting particular blocks or areas within the rehabilitation area, of the effect of absentee ownership on project, of lining design improvements to other economic programs, and the importance of a pedestrian atmosphere. Commissioners commended Jim Shirey and the Economic Development Division for their work.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes, April 24, 1986

Action: To approve such minutes as amended: the first public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m. and Martin Studler spoke in opposition to Variance 86-03.

Motion: Weinberger

Second: McAlear

Vote:

Ayes: McAlear, Doering, Richmond,
Land, Fulton, Weinberger,
Siegel

Noes: None

Motion Carried

B. Resolution No. PC 86-04 (Regarding Variance No. 86-02)

It is the unanimous opinion of the Commission that it will not act on this resolution until the staff presents a revised Exhibit C and revised conditions of approval.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

1. A book entitled Urban Design Review received from the American Planners Association will be passed among commissioners for review.
2. The question of the appropriate time frame for appeals of resolutions was discussed.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia St., commented on the appropriate process of her appeal filing fee and asked for clarification of future action on this issue.
2. Joyce Hundel inquired about the Pacific Design Center's C.U.P for parking and the city's citizen notification process for that project.
3. Ron Shipton, 8718 Rosewood, expressed concern about the Planning Commission's philosophy/policy on receiving information prior to public hearings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. to the next meeting of the Planning Commission on May 19, 1986.

Motion: Weinberger

Second: Richmond