

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

May 27, 1986

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission held on the above date in the Department of Community Development Conference Room, 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 not completed due to a lack of an American flag in the conference room.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Doering, Richmond, Land  
Fulton, Siegel, Weinberger  
(7:14 p.m.), McAlear (8:00  
p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Winogron, Director  
Jeff Lambert, Planning  
Technician

C. Approval of Agenda:

None

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. DESIGN REVIEW STUDY SESSION

A discussion between commissioners, staff and the public included the following issues:

- Interaction with the community design element of the GPAC
- Importance of some clear-cut standards in interim;
- Design districts;
- Urban Design considerations;
- Interaction with surrounding communities;
- Role of regulation;
- Caution against judging aesthetics;
- Function of development is much more important than aesthetic envelope; and
- Consideration for limited support staff

Commissioners made an initial recommendation to explore the feasibility of a Design Review Advisory Committee made up of professionals: Architects, urban designers; and citizens. It was discussed that such an advisory committee may be a temporary committee until the General Plan is adopted. Some discussion ensued considering developing threshold levels after which projects would be required to go before the design review advisory committee.

Commissioner Richmond told of his experiences of the Santa Monica and Laguna Beach Architecture Review Board meetings. Discussion by all commissioners followed. An analogy was made between economic development and design review. The City may want to use design review to create an environment and attract its own idea of attractive and functional urban design as the economic development division does in attracting business to West Hollywood.

Commissioners asked the staff to compile a list of discretionary matters of the Planning Commission and a list of issues to be considered by a design review board.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. to the next meeting of the Planning Commission on June 2, 1986. Motion: Siegel, Second: Doering.