



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
Meeting
August 19, 2024**

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY ACCESSING THE ARCHIVED RECORDINGS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/city-government/city-clerk AND SELECTING ACCESS CITY RECORDS.

Land Acknowledgment: “The West Hollywood Historic Planning Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Zvi called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Doug Vu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**
Commissioners Present: Davidson, Dubin, King, Sotsky, Ostergren, Vice Chair Zvi.

Commissioners Absent: Dubin, Chair Charlie

Staff Present: Doug Vu, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison; Adrian Gallo, Associate Planner; and Gabriele Gonzales, Acting Commission Secretary.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Commissioner Sotsky and unanimously passes.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

ACTION: Approve the continuation of draft summary action minutes of Monday, July 22, 2024. **Moved by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Commissioner King and unanimously passes.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: None

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR. None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 8001-8003 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 1105 NORTH LAUREL AVENUE:

Adrian Gallo, Associate Planner, provided a verbal presentation and background information as presented in the staff report. He provided a timeline of events for the property, explanation of why the property isn't an eligible cultural resource, description of the proposed building's design and uses at each level, and an explanation of the limited impact the project would have on the surrounding areas including the adjacent eligible historic resource known as the French Market.

The Commission inquired about the cannabis lounge's operations including rideshare for employees, as well as loading and delivery.

The Commission inquired about and received clarification from Doug Vu and Adrian Gallo regarding the project's consistency with parking and loading requirements and all other applicable development standards in the West Hollywood Municipal Code, as well as the staff-level approval process for this project. The Commission also inquired about the use and hours of operation for the rooftop pool.

Aaron Greene, President of the Afriat Group, and Kevin Sund, Principal at Axis Architecture, provided a verbal presentation of the project and spoke about the massing, scale, and architectural design of the building, and how the proposed building would appear visually from a vehicular or pedestrian perspective at different locations and angles using renderings to demonstrate there would be no substantive impact to the French Market.

Aaron Greene, President of the Afriat Group, then spoke about neighborhood noticing and outreach, furniture for seating in the public right-of-way for the consumption of non-cannabis items, use of the pool and rooftop spaces, and the multiple uses and associated accessibility to each level of the building.

The Commission then inquired about and Aaron Greene responded to the parking requirements, the use of rideshare and valet services, and loading/delivery drop-off for the proposed café.

Public Comments: None.

The Commission acknowledged their purview on this matter and stated that although any new building of this scale would diminish the integrity of the overall setting, the proposed building would not impact the eligibility of historic resource and is supportive of Staff's recommendation.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Planning Staff Update.

Doug Vu, Senior Planner/HPC Liaison, stated staff is waiting for approval of the Historic Preservation Commission date change for the second Monday of the month and the next meeting with the new approved date change would be October 14th 2024, an anticipated cultural resource designation nomination at 1033 Carol Drive, and shared the Get Involved brochure produced by City Clerk to engage the public.

Commissioner Sotsky then inquired about terms for the Commissioners, and Doug Vu informed the Commission that the Staff Liaison role for HPC is transitioning and will be taken over by Antonio Castillo effective immediately, and thanked the Commission.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner King thanked Doug Vu for his time as Staff Liaison.

Commissioner Davidson thanked the applicant, staff, and Doug Vu for this time as Staff Liaison.

Commissioner Ostergren thanked Doug and welcomed Antonio Castillo as the new Staff Liaison.

Vice-Chair Zvi inquired about a social media manager and possibly once a month highlighting a cultural resource that's been designated, and encouraged fellow commissioners to attend the annual Commissioners Congress on September 11th.

Commissioner Sotsky also thanked Doug Vu.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:00 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, September 23, 2024** beginning at **7:00 P.M.** at **Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood CA.**

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 14th day of October 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner:

NOES: Commissioner:

ABSENT: Commissioner:

ABSTAIN: Commissioner:

Signed by:

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