

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK  
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** John Angelo led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Land, Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and Mayor Heilman.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Michael Jenkins, City Clerk Tom West, Assistant City Clerk Corey Schaffer.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:** City Attorney Jenkins stated that the Closed Session convened at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there was one (1) public speaker. He stated that the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 4.B. be TABLED.

City Clerk West requested that Item 2.I. be TABLED.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Land to approve the October 16, 2006 agenda as amended and unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Howard Perlman, brother of Bernice Levin, a volunteer at the Senior Center. She requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dena Rusakova, a former volunteer at the Senior Center. She requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sheila Rodriguez, mother of Alicia De Soto Foley.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of long-time resident and veteran Thad Taylor.

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Congressman Gerry Studds, the first openly gay U.S. Congressman. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Specialist Timothy A. Fulkerson, Lance Corp. John E. Hale, Sgt. Gene A. Hawkins, Private First Class Thomas J. Hewitt, Specialist Justin R. Jarrett, Corp. Carl W. Johnson II, Lance Corp. Stephen F. Johnson, Lance Corp. Derek W. Jones, Specialist Jason A. Lucas, Lance Corp. Jeremy S.

Sandvick Monroe, Staff Sgt. Christopher O. Moudry, Specialist George R. Obourn Jr., Sgt. Lawrence L. Parrish, Corp. Bradford H. Payne, Specialist Fernando D. Robinson, Capt. Robert M. Secher, Specialist Kristofer C. Walker, Sgt. Justin T. Walsh, Private First Class Phillip B. Williams, Specialist John E. Wood, Staff Sgt. James D. Ellis, Private First Class Shelby J. Feniello, Private First Class Shane R. Austin, Lance Corp. Jon E. Bowman, Private First Class Dean R. Bright, CWO Scott W. Dyer, Specialist Raymond S. Armijo, Corp. Nicholas A. Arvanitis, Sgt. Brandon S. Asbury, Sgt. Julian M. Arechaga, Capt. Shane T. Adcock, Lance Corp. Christopher B. Cosgrove, III, Lance Corp. Edward M. Garvin, Private First Class Satieon V. Greenlee, Corp. Chase A. Haag, Staff Sgt. Daniel Isshak, Sgt. Denise A. Lannaman, Staff Sgt. Joe A. Narvaez, Sgt. Mario Nelson, Staff Sgt. Scott E. Nisely, Private First Class Michael K. Oremus, Sgt. Joseph W. Perry, Capt. Justin D. Peterson, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Rojas, Corp. Benjamin S. Rosales, Corp. Aaron L. Seal, Specialist Kampha B. Sourivong, Specialist Angelo J. Vaccaro, Specialist Robert F. Weber.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Land presented a plaque to outgoing Women's Advisory Board member Judith Resell.

Mayor Heilman presented a commendation to Roger Warnix for his years of work on the Tom of Finland Foundation and the annual Erotic Arts Fair in the City.

Mayor Heilman presented a proclamation regarding the upcoming "Parade for World Peace: One Human Family" event in the City.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

PAUL KORETZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked residents for their support in allowing him to serve as both a City Councilmember and State Assemblymember. He also spoke regarding his upcoming campaign for a seat on the Water Board.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various local, State and National issues.

DURK DEHNER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the recent West Hollywood Erotic Art Fair.

RICHARD EASTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a recent medical marijuana event held in the City.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign contributions to Councilmember Land's recent State Assembly race.

PHILIP HOSKINS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign contributions in the City.

SUZANNE DIETRICH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Disabilities Awareness Month.

DONALD ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding diesel MTA buses in the City.

ALLEGRA ALLISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the property located at 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

WILLIAM NEISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding reserving seats at City Council meetings.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming November election and spoke regarding the business on Huntley known as Pinkberry.

GEORGE CREDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns about development in the City.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the need to register to vote for the upcoming November election.

Councilmember Prang stated his NO vote on Item 2.K.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the recent AIDS Walk event in the City.

Mayor Heilman spoke regarding the recent AIDS Walk event in the City. He spoke regarding the recent Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards. He spoke regarding the process for continuing public hearings.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar was \$15,000.00 in expenditures and \$24,500.00 in potential revenue.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Consent Calendar. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and unanimously approved with Item 2.I. being TABLED and Councilmember Prang voting NO on Item 2.K.**

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

*The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 16, 2006 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, October 12, 2006.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings.*

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of October 3, 2006. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 564, RESOLUTION NO. 06-3468:**

*The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register No. 564 and adopt Resolution No. 06-3468, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 564." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 06-739 (2<sup>ND</sup> READING), AMENDING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.32 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]**

*The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-739, a proposed ordinance amending procedural provisions of the West Hollywood Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance and amending Chapter 3.32 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-739, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.32 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**

*The City Council will receive reports from various Commissions on actions taken at their recent meetings.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. APPROVAL OF JOB SPECIFICATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (WEHOME/AFSCME): [V. LOVE / L. BOCK / S. SCHUMACHER]**

*The City Council will consider approval of the job description for the new, budgeted WEHOME/AFSCME position of Economic Development Coordinator in the Economic Development Department. The Economic Development Coordinator is a new budgeted position.*

**ACTION:** Adopt the job description for the new WEHOME/AFSCME position of Economic Development Coordinator in the Economic Development Department with a salary range at grade 5270N (Non-exempt) with a salary range of \$62,447 to \$79,832 annually. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH VCA CODE GROUP FOR PLAN CHECK SERVICES FOR THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION: [S. BAILEY / S. HEALY KEENE]**

*The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with VCA Code Group to provide ongoing Plan Check services for the Community Development Department, Building and Safety Division.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve Contract Agreement with VCA Code Group for professional Plan Check services in the Building and Safety Division for temporary staffing vacancies and/or temporary staffing as needed for special projects or high volume case load in the amount not to exceed \$205,000.00 (two hundred five thousand dollars and no/cents); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. AUTHORIZATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2006 AIDSWATCH: [H. GOSS / B. ABRAHAMS]**

*The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the 2006 AidsWatch and providing television production, public information support and social service information to this year's Citychannel 10 broadcast.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood as co-sponsor of the 2006 AidsWatch presentations on Friday, December 1, 2006; and 2) Authorize the Public Information and Prosecution Services Department to provide support for this project, including use of Citychannel facilities, broadcast time on Channel 10, public information support and social services support. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. APPROVAL OF A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KAKU ASSOCIATES FOR TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND MTA REDLINE EXTENSION STUDIES: [T. SLIMMER / J. ENGLISH]**

*The City Council will consider approving an agreement to hire the traffic consultant firm of Kaku Associates to assist in the preparation of feasibility studies and/or to make recommendations on MTA Redline Extension and city-wide traffic circulation enhancements on an as-needed basis.*

**ACTION:** Authorize the City Manager to enter into a consultant services agreement with Kaku Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for preparation of feasibility studies and/or to make recommendations on MTA Redline Extension and city-wide traffic circulation enhancements for the period October 31, 2006 through December 31, 2008 on an as-needed basis. **This Item was TABLED.**

**2.J. EXTEND TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]**

*The City Council will consider extending the term expiration date of the current members of the Project Advisory Committee.*

**ACTION:** 1) Extend the term expiration date of the current members of the Project Advisory Committee to May 31, 2007; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3469, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGARDING THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. REINSTATEMENT OF THE CITY'S ASSOCIATION WITH F&A FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: [V. LOVE / L. BOCK / C. RHEA]**

*The City Council will consider reinstatement of the City's association with F & A Federal Credit Union.*

**ACTION:** Reinstate the City's association with F & A Federal Credit Union and once again offer optional F & A membership to new and current employees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Councilmember Prang voting NO.**

**2.L. REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE THE PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 2007: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]**

*The City Council will consider adopting a resolution consenting to the consolidation of the Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election with the City of West Hollywood's General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3470, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007"; 2) Direct the City Clerk to take any and all steps necessary to hold the consolidated election; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Information Technology to increase budgeted expenditures in Election Account No. 100-1-02-26-531015 by \$15,000 and increase budgeted revenues in the General Fund by \$24,500 for miscellaneous revenues. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. RESIGNATION OF RONYA FAYBISOVICH FROM THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]**

*The City Council will accept the resignation of Russian Advisory Board Member Ronya Faybisovich, effective September 20, 2006.*

**ACTION:** Accept with regret the resignation of Ronya Faybisovich from the Russian Advisory Board. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH LINN AND ASSOCIATES FOR ONGOING PLANNING DIVISION SERVICES: [J . KEHO / S. HEALY KEENE]**

*The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Linn and Associates to provide continued planning services for the Planning Division.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Linn and Associates in an amount not-to-exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for planning project review; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY'S SYMPOSIUM ON "THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR IN IRAQ: HEALTH CHALLENGES BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD": [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON / N. TESKE]**

*The City Council will consider co-sponsoring a symposium on "The Medical Consequences of the War in Iraq: Health Challenges beyond the Battlefield", organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the City's Co-Sponsorship of the Physicians for Social Responsibility's symposium on "The Medical Consequences of the War in Iraq: Health Challenges beyond the Battlefield"; and 2) Direct staff to assist with event promotion. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. CO SPONSORSHIP OF PARADE FOR WORLD PEACE: ONE HUMAN FAMILY: [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON]**

*The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Parade for World Peace: One Human Family.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the City's co-sponsorship of the Parade for Peace: One Human Family; 2) Direct staff to assist with the promotion of the *Parade for Peace* and provide support for the VIP Reception; and 3) Direct the Department of Public Information and Prosecution Services to assist with the simulcast or re-broadcast of the peace talk panel discussion in West Hollywood as well as cable coverage of the march. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PERMITS FOR THE LAUREL PLACE PROJECT LOCATED AT 1343**

**LAUREL AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD: [S. HEALY KEENE / J. KEHO / F. STEFAN]**

*The Council will hold a public hearing on an appeal by Katherine Trisolini of Chatten-Brown & Carstens, representative of Save Tara, of the Planning Commission's certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Certificate of Appropriateness and other entitlements and findings necessary to support the development of the Laurel Place Project at 1343 Laurel Avenue. The Laurel Place Project proposes renovation and rehabilitation of the existing main house and chauffeur's cottage, creation of 27 affordable senior housing units and one manager's unit, and a 9,900 square-foot public neighborhood park. The appeal disputes the adequacy of the environmental review, and the findings for the Certificate of Appropriateness.*

Mayor Heilman stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Francie Stefan, Senior Planner, presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 16, 2006.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward:

KATHERINE TRISOLINI, ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

JIM ARNONE, ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ROY OLDENKAMP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

RICHARD WEISMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

LOVEDY BRYDON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

BRYAN DAHLGREN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ELLERINE HARDING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

YELENA MILLER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.



JOHN ANGELO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

STEVEN VERAKUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

MADELEINE RACKLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

STEVE SION, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

SUZANNE DIETRICH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

FRED VANACORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

DONALD WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

DONALD ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

NEIL ZASLAVSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ALLEGRA ALLISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

DAVID EICHMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

WILLIAM NEISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

JACK MERRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

LIZA AMTMANIS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

MARK YEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

GEOFFREY DEWAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

GEORGE CREDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

AL SECUNDA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

PAM KOMAC, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

RIVKA DAYAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

CLARA DENSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

RAE MITCHELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

TOM MCMILLAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

MARINA BERKMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

JULIA BARONOV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

HEAVENLY WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

AGASSI TOPCHIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

ANSON SNYDER, SAN FRANCISCO, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

PEGGY KENNEDY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

JAMES NOLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

MATT GOLDSMITH, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and in support of the appeal.

SOFIA KOMSKAYA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

STEVE WAYLAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

JULIE SUMMERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

MURIEL SCHOICHET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

THOMAS MANN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and in opposition to the appeal.

KATHERINE TRISOLINI, ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT, provided a rebuttal.

JIM ARNONE, ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, provided a rebuttal.

The following individuals submitted Speaker Request Forms indicating their support of the Item, but chose not to speak: Mr. Zharovksy, Boris Leonov, Vera Melnichenko, Ivan Belkin, Lily Lankinov, Esfir Amusina, Lena Morgulis, Matvey Latman, Lyubev Kamenetskaya, Elena Goldenberg, Boris Ostrovskiy, Mark Shekhter, Maya Lerner, Nikolay Dorofeyev, Yefim Solyarskiy, Sergey Adler, Sofia Gelman, Nyusya Geykhman, Iosif Volkov, Frida Zlobinsky, Gershon Zusman, Yelena Gorodetskiy, Jeanette Becker, Mikhail Kipnis, Solomon Vinnik, Igor Vinokur, Marra Driker, Ayzik Averbukh, Anna Kinkov, Lev Chernavsky, Inna Burban, Valeriy Burban, Yuri Shektor, George Kononenko, Faina Golodovskaya, Zhanna Rysina, Grigoriy Rysin, Lena Eydel, Zoya Barkinskaya, and Lida Markovich.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the history of property. He spoke regarding campaign contributions from the West Hollywood Housing Corporation and WASSET. He spoke regarding the merits of the project and expressed concerns regarding the screens on the property, and the ownership and future management of the property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello spoke regarding the acquisition of the property. He spoke in support of senior housing in the City, but in opposition to development at this location.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding previous visits to the site. She spoke regarding campaign contributions from the West Hollywood Housing Corporation and WASSET. She spoke regarding the merits of the project.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the need to locate affordable housing in the City, but spoke regarding concerns about the proposed project. He spoke regarding concerns about the development process of the current proposal.

Mayor Heilman spoke regarding his visit to the site. He spoke regarding the history of property and the City's efforts to assign a cultural heritage designation. He spoke regarding the need to locate affordable housing in the City. He spoke regarding the merits of the project. He spoke regarding concerns about the screens on the property, the design of the

guardrails, the stucco on the East side, and the need for more landscaping on the East side.

Mayor Heilman closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** 1) Uphold the Planning Commission's action and deny the appeal by Katherine Trisolini of Chatten-Brown & Carstens, representative of Save Tara; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3471, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO DENY THE APPEAL OF CHATTEN-BROWN & CARSTENS, REPRESENTATIVE OF SAVE TARA, AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION TO CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM AND ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERMITS: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 2004-026, DEMOLITION PERMIT 2004-020, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2004-012, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 2004-017, GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDING 2006-001, VARIANCES 2004-006, 2004-007, AND 2006-002, AND MODIFICATION 2006-006 FOR THE LAUREL PLACE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT AT 1343 LAUREL AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." (ATTACHMENT A); and 3) incorporate the following design changes to the project: a) eliminate the screens, b) expand the landscaping, with the possible inclusion of vines, on the East side of the building, c) direct the City to engage in future discussions with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation and WASSET regarding the management of the property, and d) Modify Conditions 8.6 and 8.7 to include modification of the materials in the façade of the rear building to be more compatible with the existing structure. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Duran and approved with Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and Councilmember Prang voting NO.**

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### 4.A. FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT AND UPDATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE LAUREL PLACE AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT 1343 LAUREL AVENUE: [A. WINDERMAN / J. SKORNECK]

*The City Council will consider approving a First Amendment to the Conditional Agreement for Conveyance and Development of Property ("Conditional Agreement") and will consider directing staff to prepare appropriate documents to conform the Laurel Place development to the project approved by the Planning Commission on August 3, 2006.*

No speakers.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Conditional Agreement between the City and the Developer, Laurel Place West Hollywood, Inc., revising disbursement of predevelopment funds to allow the expenditure of up to \$950,000 of previously committed funds to cover additional predevelopment costs associated with extension of the predevelopment period over three years, environmental review, architectural revisions, arborist services, historic preservation consultants, and legal expenses; and 2) Direct staff to prepare appropriate documents to conform with the project approved by Planning Commission on August 3, 2006, with a reduction in unit count from 35 to 28, retention of the chauffeur's cottage, and enlargement of the public park from 2,400 square feet to 9,900 square feet; to update the project schedule and budget; and to return to City Council with such updated documentation within 180 days. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Duran and approved with Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and Councilmember Prang voting NO.**

**4.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]**

*The City Council will consider making at-large appointments to City Advisory Boards and Committees.*

**ACTION: This Item was TABLED.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. None.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need to obtain business permits in the City.

YOLE DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need to respect City officials during public hearings and public comment.

DAVID SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns about the design of the proposed development at 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

LIZA AMTMANIS, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Councilmember Duran's comments during Item 3.A.

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

**6.A. None.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Heilman spoke regarding a previously approved housing project on Doheny. He spoke regarding the permit process for the West Med Ambulance company.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 11:32 P.M. in memory of Howard Perlman, Dena Rusakova, Sheila Rodriguez, Thad Taylor, Congressman Gerry Studds, and all the soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last Council meeting, to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.