

**STUDY SESSION OF THE
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL WITH
MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Prang called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Councilmember Guarriello, Heilman, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, Mayor Prang.
Los Angeles City Councilmember LaBonge and Weiss.
ABSENT: NONE.
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Michael Jenkins, City Clerk Tom West and Acting Assistant City Clerk Gwen Peirce.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Land and seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried to approve the October 27, 2003 agenda.

6. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

This item was discussed out of the posted agenda order.

Los Angeles Councilmember LaBonge spoke regarding the importance of parks. He spoke regarding the importance of working together with cities surrounding Los Angeles. He spoke regarding the collaboration between Los Angeles and West Hollywood in public safety, transportation and other issues. He stated that he looks forward to a continued dialogue with the City of Los Angeles.

Councilmember Heilman welcomed the Los Angeles City Councilmembers and expressed his hopes that this is the beginning of the dialogue between the two cities to address problems that cross borders.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about his 39 years of living in the area and regarding the importance of the collaborative effort between the two cities.

Los Angeles Councilmember Weiss spoke regarding the importance of working with the City of West Hollywood on various issues. He stated that the issues are interchangeable. He spoke about the help that West Hollywood offered during the plane crash in his district in June.

Councilmember Land thanked the Los Angeles City Councilmembers for attending and expressed her hopes for a continued dialogue with Los Angeles on

the issues that effect both cities. She also spoke regarding further meetings between Councilmembers of West Hollywood and Los Angeles.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the possibility of meeting in the City of Los Angeles.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Prang provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 27, 2003.

A. Public Safety

Captain Long, Captain Downing and Captain Odenthal provided background information regarding public safety issues.

I. Sunset Boulevard

Captain Downing and Captain Long provided information regarding the collaborative efforts by the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department and California Highway Patrol and the positive effect that it has had on cruising, gang activity and other illegal activity on Sunset Boulevard.

Captain Long and Captain Downing spoke regarding the Shelter located in the area of Sunset and Crescent Heights. Captain Downing spoke regarding the LAPD's efforts to discourage certain types to entertainment in the City of Los Angeles' nightclubs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the Sunset Strip and the impact on the residents north of the City of West Hollywood. He spoke regarding the problems with borders of Los Angeles and West Hollywood and asked whether there can be a way the **two cities can contract together on law enforcement on the Sunset Strip by perhaps extending the Sunset Strip BID.**

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the possibility of extending the Sunset BID to Fairfax. She also spoke regarding extending parking regulations further east into Los Angeles. She also spoke regarding the City of West Hollywood parking enforcement extending into the City of Los Angeles.

Councilmember Weiss spoke regarding the possibility of contracting with the City of West Hollywood for parking enforcement east into the City of Los Angeles.

Captain Odenthal spoke regarding the Sunset BID and the Sunset Enforcement Team. He suggested forming an Entertainment Task Force to assist in "team policing" and collaborate to address potential issues at the nightclubs and other entertainment venues.

Captain Downing expressed his desire to extend the Sunset BID to Fairfax to help supplement the public safety resources.

Councilmember Heilman **summarized the suggestions made, specifically a potential contract West Hollywood parking enforcement into areas east of West Hollywood; a collaborative effort of sheriff's and LAPD to enforce in both cities; extend the BID east.** He spoke regarding land use issues surrounding the shelter that was previously the Coconut Teaser and The Gate on La Cienega. Look at enforcement issues. California Highway Patrol issue and the lack of coordination with LAPD.

Councilmember LaBonge spoke regarding Los Angeles' "Anti John" ordinance.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the importance of exhibiting small successes and making suggestions happen.

Councilmember Guarriello expressed his concern over budget constraints.

Councilmember Weiss spoke regarding the possibility of forming an **ad hoc Task Force to collaborate on parking, transportation and other issues.** He introduced his field deputy, Kimberlina Whettam, who spoke regarding a collaborative effort between staff in the City of Los Angeles and West Hollywood to discuss parking, noise, transportation and other security issues on Sunset Boulevard.

Councilmember LaBonge discussed his role on the L.A. Transportation Commissions and suggested investigating the possibility of the City of West Hollywood extending their parking enforcement 1000' into the City of Los Angeles.

Mayor Prang directed staff to create a report to circulate to all Councilmembers.

II. Homeless Issues

Councilmember Land spoke regarding coordinating with social service providers in the provision of homeless meal programs.

B. Transportation/Traffic Mitigation

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the importance of consistency between the two cities.

Councilmember LaBonge spoke regarding the importance of **Working groups to look at East West corridor transportation issues.** He spoke

regarding the good work that West Hollywood did on Santa Monica Boulevard. He spoke regarding his membership on the MTA Board – West Hollywood Y – metro line that would have a stop in West Hollywood. He spoke regarding attempting to encourage constituency to use mass transit. **Consider long range – Y – from Hollywood through West Hollywood.**

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of an extension of MTA metro rail into West Hollywood and expressed his desire to work with Los Angeles and the County to get this done.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke in support of an extension of MTA metro rail into West Hollywood.

C. Economic Development/Planning

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the **importance of a regional approach to these issues and notifying residents about issues that impact them.**

Councilmember Weiss spoke regarding the neighborhood councils in Los Angeles and early notification of issues that impact the residents. **He stated that his office will notify West Hollywood when potentially controversial issues arise and requested that West Hollywood do the same – Mutual notification.**

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding a **possible collaboration between the Chamber of Commerce of West Hollywood and Los Angeles.**

Mayor Prang spoke regarding the **importance of good notification of issues between the residents of both cities. He also spoke regarding the importance of a joint task force.**

- I. Major Project Coordination
- II. La Brea/Fairfax Business Improvement District
- III. Joint Notification Proposed High Impact Projects

D. Public Works

- I. Joint Public Works Projects

Councilmember LaBonge spoke regarding collaborative efforts of paving streets that are both in Los Angeles and West Hollywood.

- II. Sunset Boulevard/Crescent Heights -

E. Parks/Beautification

I. Joint Use by City Programs

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the possibility of exploring the joint use of Poinsettia Park.

Councilmember Weiss spoke in support of joint use Poinsettia Park.

LaBonge spoke regarding his asking the City of LA the feasibility of the City West Hollywood "adopting" Poinsettia Park. **Prepare letters to the Councilmembers regarding what the City of West Hollywood desires in regards to park locations.**

F. Community Leader Recognition

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JIM TARTAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the positive impact that the joint task force has had on the illegal activity on Sunset Boulevard. He also spoke in support of Councilmember LaBonge looking into making another dog park out of Poinsettia Park.

BOB LIPTON, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the negative impact of the Sunset Strip on the surrounding neighborhood, specifically the use of the residential streets for valet parking.

STEVE SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of closing down nightclubs that have a history of problems, such as the Roxbury. He also spoke regarding the possibility of requiring nightclubs to install metal detectors, if they have a history of gun problems.

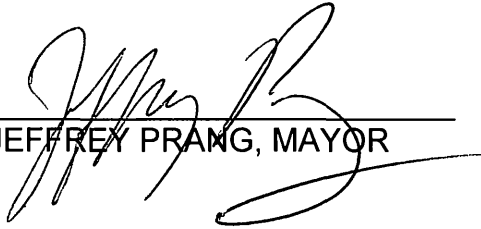
RICHARD JEFFREY , LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the problem of people who visit the area but who do not actually attend the businesses. He suggested tow away zones.

MARY LOU CHASTAIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding parking problems with businesses on the Sunset Strip. She spoke regarding The Bliss Restaurant nightclub extending their business hours.

JAMES FUHRMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the West Hollywood Ethics Commission and expenditures of City staff.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council of West Hollywood and Councilmember LaBonge adjourned at 7:30 PM.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 17th
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2003.


JEFFREY PRANG, MAYOR

ATTEST:


THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK