

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guarriello called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Guarriello led the pledge.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Heilman (arrived at 6:04 PM), Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Martin (arrived at 6:05 PM) and Mayor Guarriello.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Arevalo, Director of Human Services Lloyd Long, Director of Economic Development/Special Projects Ray Reynolds, Facilities and Landscape Manager Sam Baxter, City Clerk Tony Russell and Administrative Staff Assistant Gwen Peirce.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Prang and seconded by Councilmember Duran to approve the October 14, 2002 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.A. WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND LIBRARY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRESENTATION

Ray Reynolds, Director of the Economic Development Department, and Sam Baxter, Landscape and Facilities Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 14, 2002.

Jim Favaro, Consultant, MDA Johnson Favaro, provided background information from the information sheet, *The Facts of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan*.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Eastside residents lobbied to have a library closer to the center of town and questioned what concessions are being made to include the Eastside residents.

RITA NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the library plan.

ROSLYN KRAUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns about the plans not being "pedestrian friendly" and the lack of a swimming pool at Plummer Park. She also spoke regarding attendance of park planning committee members.

CATHERINE HAHN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the library plan.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the library plan.

Councilmember Duran expressed his concern with a number of items, specifically, the allocation for art; the timing of when the art consultant would become involved; using the proposed parking spaces as public parking when the library is closed; special collections; the possibility of being rewarded the library bond money and the next step if the City is refused; the proposed hours of operation of the library; and using the pool area as an outdoor forum.

In response to Councilmember Duran, Mr. Reynolds stated that public art would be 1% of the construction cost, and if Council would like to have the allocation for art increased, the amount of the increase would be paid by the City. He also stated that MDA Johnson Favaro would be addressing the Fine Arts Commission regarding art for the project and that the 88 parking spaces that are proposed could be used for public parking when the library is closed.

Mr. Baxter stated that upon implementation of the Master Plan, the art consultant would become involved.

Linda Demerist, Library Consultant to West Hollywood, explained that the library bond process is a three-cycle process, so the City can apply for the January, 2004 deadline if the first application is not approved. She stated that the City's application is very strong.

Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, County of Los Angeles Public Library, stated that Sundays are busy days in libraries, but the reason why the operating agreement states that the library would be closed on Sundays is because payroll costs on Sundays are expensive due to the librarians' Union Memorandum of Understanding. She stated that the County would be open to discussing hours with the city, and the City could pay for any payroll costs that go over the budget.

Mr. Favaro stated that using the pool area for a public meeting area would be feasible, and that the pool and the gym would be on same level and would be able to be opened up to make a very large space. Mr. Favaro

also explained that the roof of the west wing of the library is proposed to be available as another outside public meeting area.

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin expressed minor reservations with the overall park master plan, but stated that he agrees with the library plan. He also emphasized the importance for the Council to move forward due to the strict time constraints of the bond process.

Councilmember Heilman stated that the Master Plan is an opportunity to maximize green space, build a new library and add to parking in the City. He expressed concerns about elements of the library, specifically expanding the HIV and Health Center and adding a design room. He also expressed concern about the design of the park, specifically the "tree area," which would block the Robertson entrance; and the location of the children's area, which appears to be isolated from the buildings. He suggested that it would be more appropriate to move the children's area closer to locations where Staff would be present.

In response to Councilmember Heilman's concern on library collections, Ms. Demerist stated that 10 learning centers, including a Wellness Center, an expanded Lesbian/Gay Center and a Decorative Arts Center are included in the Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the design concepts for the West Hollywood Park Master Plan as depicted in Exhibit A-Master Plan; 2) Direct staff to proceed with the third and final phase of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan planning process; 3) Approve the design concepts for the West Hollywood Park Library; 4) Approve the capital costs estimates; operating agreement concept; and fund raising draft Request for Proposal for issuance; 5) Direct the staff to apply for the March 2003 California Library Bond Act Grant; 6) Place on the City Council agenda for late 2002 a Resolution to match capital costs at 35%; provide operating costs; and dedicate the proposed facility for library use for 40 years.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Prang and seconded by Councilmember Duran to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

3. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: NONE.

4. ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2002 at 6:30 PM at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2002.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK