

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES**

STUDY SESSION REGARDING SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD DESIGN
MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martin called the meeting to order 6:10 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Isabella Artukovich led the Pledge.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Guarriello, Koretz, Prang, and Mayor Martin.
Councilmember Heilman arrived at 6:24 p.m.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Makinney, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Thompson and Records Management Coordinator Nunley.

3. **DISCUSSION ON SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RELINQUISHMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION:**

1. **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:**

Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development provided background information as outlined in the Schedule of Activities.

2. **SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

STEVEN ROSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the vision and goal of the project committee.

STEPHEN ROSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the design concept, the enhancement of parking and the pedestrian walkways.

TONY MELIA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the design concept by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca.

THOMAS JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the committee's design concept with wider sidewalks, cross walks and curb extensions

LORETTA SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the landscaping design.

JOYCE HUNDAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the design, but also supports alternative transportation and the need for the bicycle lanes.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her concerns of business owners during the construction phase of the Project. She supports the double rows of trees not the bike lanes.

STEVE WAYLAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the safety of the development project, he also supports the double rows of trees not the bicycle lanes.

MICHEAL YATES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the bicycle lanes.

RUSS WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD STEERING COMMITTEE, spoke about the concerns of economic impact along the boulevard during the construction phase of the project, he requested that the construction period be limited.

3. ZIMMER GUNSUL FRASCA DESIGN CONCEPT:

Pat Smith, Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership consultant, presented a brief overview of the design concept and references from similar constructed design projects.

4. FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS:

Joan English, Director of Transportation, Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer and Paul Arevalo provided background information as outlined in the Funding Options Section of the Staff report.

4. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD DESIGN PROJECT:

Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 6, 1998.

CHRIS PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

EVAN ALBOUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

JEROME CLEARY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced the West Hollywood Walk of Fame Design concept for consideration with the Santa Monica Boulevard project.

SIMON LEVAY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the citizens should have more input in the Project.

JOHN JAKUPCAK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the bicycle lanes along the Santa Monica Boulevard.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the position of the Steering Committee regarding the bicycle lane.

SHARON O'ROUKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, reiterated the committee's decision and stated that the committee did hear from the citizens, but the majority voted against the bicycle lanes.

ERIC JOHNSON, LOS ANGELES, supports the bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

DEAN WON, LOS ANGELES, supports the bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

STEPHEN ROSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, reiterated the committees' decisions regarding the bicycle lanes.

MURRY ARONSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the bicycle lanes and ask that the City consider fountains along the median for the birds to drink from.

ANSON SNYDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the bicycle lanes along Santa Monica Boulevard.

CHAD BLOUIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the bicycle lane, but feels that the lanes should be extend.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the double rows of trees. She also feels that the City should look at the type of trees.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Steering Committees decision.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the decision of wide sidewalks, but also supports the bicycle lanes.

ED SACHSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Steering Committees decisions, but recommends that the City consider angled parking along the boulevard.

Councilmember Prang, spoke in support of holding over the decision to allow review of the engineering function along with the design.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, spoke in supports of delaying the decision so that staff and citizens can review the engineering function.

Mayor Martin, recommends that Council review the project, but that a decision be made soon.

Councilmember Guarrello, stated that maybe we should go back and allow the citizens and merchants an opportunity to review.

Councilmember Korte, spoke about concerns of the bicycle lanes


ACTION: (1) Endorse the schematic design as presented by the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee and Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnerhsip; 2) Instruct the City Manager to proceed with the final design of Santa Monica Boulevard; and, 3) Report specific funding options before August 17, 1998. **Tabled to July 20,1998.**

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.

5. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** None.


6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to its Regular Meeting.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk