

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Duran called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ira Handleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember D'Amico, Councilmember Heilman,
Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and Mayor
Duran

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk
Schaffer and Assistant City Clerk Quarker

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the closed session was called to order at 6:06 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Land seconded by Councilmember Heilman to add an Urgency Item to the agenda as Item 2.P. and unanimously approved.

City Clerk Schaffer reported that a revised Staff Report for Item 5.A. was placed on the dais for the Council. He reported that there were no changes to the Item, other than adding Mayor Duran's name to the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Q.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 2.K. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Mayor Duran reported that City Council received a request to continue Item 3.A. to a later date.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, seconded by Councilmember Land to approve the December 5, 2011 agenda as amended, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the brother of Jewish Vocational Services employee Claudia Finkle.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Nunley, father of City employee Carmen Nunley. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of long-time resident Marilyn June McIntyre. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kurt Kroeger, domestic partner of Latham & Watkins attorney, DJ Moore. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peter Minjarez, the brother of Raul Cobian who is the partner of Rob Bergstein.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of his friend, Scott Mazeroff. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Marvin Horner, member of the Revolution Gay and Lesbian Marching Band and LAUSD teacher.

Mayor Duran requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of James Romero, father of City employee Rob Romero.

PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Land, Councilmember D'Amico, and Councilmember Heilman presented a commendation to the West Hollywood Book Fair Planning and Advisory Committees, sponsors, and volunteers for this year's Book Fair.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang presented a commendation to outgoing President of the Log Cabin Republicans, Scott Schmitt.

Councilmember Heilman presented a commendation to outgoing Senior Advisory Board Member, Mark Skibinsky. (*not in attendance*)

Councilmember Land presented a commendation to outgoing Public Facilities Commissioner, Karen Eyres.

Mayor Duran presented a commendation to Michael Trigg of Trigg Labs for his work in creating and distributing safe sex kits.

Councilmember Heilman presented a commendation to Los Angeles County Sheriff Detective Randy Lopez.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

HARRY REBHUHN, LOS ANGELES, requested that Item 3.A. be continued until the first meeting in January 2012.

EBON ALABASTUR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that Item 3.A. be continued until the first meeting in January 2012, due to the Jewish Holiday.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that Item 3.A. be continued until the first meeting in January 2012, due to the Jewish Holiday.

SHARON SPENCER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues with alleged illegal apartment units in the City, and her interactions with City staff.

TREVOR ORR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proposed construction for Plummer Park and offered several alternative options for parking.

ROMAN SITNYAKOVSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park and the costs involved.

JULIA GOLDBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park and spoke regarding better outreach to the community.

GEOFF BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park, specifically the removal of trees.

MARK MONTGOMERY, LOS ANGELES, & CHRIS LACAGNINA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of their experiences working on a construction project within the City of West Hollywood.

DESIREE JADE SOL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a recent fundraiser and toy drive sponsored by the West Hollywood Cheerleaders.

RUDOLF MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

DAVID TIKTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

GILLIAN WARE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park, specifically the removal of trees.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Council's decision to ban the sale of fur in the City of West Hollywood and the press received.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

STEVE PARGAMANIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed changes to Plummer Park. He also spoke regarding the loss of two trees at the Park, during the recent winds.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Land made a motion to continue Item 3.A. to January 17, 2012, seconded by Mayor Duran. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Land congratulated all the Chamber of Commerce Creative City Awards Nominees. She thanked City Staff for the recent World AIDS Day event. She spoke regarding the recent exhibition at the ONE Gallery in recognition of World AIDS Day. She spoke regarding the recent National Council of Jewish Women annual charity event that helped over 5,000 people and gave out 8,500 articles of clothing on December 4, 2011. She reported on the recent L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center's clothing drive. She spoke regarding the upcoming Avenues Holiday Shopping Celebration scheduled for December 7, 2011. She spoke regarding the upcoming Bicycle Task Force screening of "Moving Beyond the Automobile" scheduled for December 7, 2011 from 7p.m. – 9p.m. in the Library's Community Meeting Room. She spoke regarding the recent Saban Free Clinic's annual fundraising dinner and thanked City Council for excusing her absence from the last Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding the 70th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and asked that the City fly the flags at half-staff on December 7, 2011 in honor of those that lost their lives that day. He spoke regarding the Toy Box Party event on December 11, 2011 at Eleven Restaurant and Nightclub and the Revolver. He congratulated Sgt. Jim Farrell who was promoted to Operations Sergeant.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked everyone who organized the recent World AIDS Day event. He spoke in support of the ongoing discussion between the City and residents regarding the proposed changes at Plummer Park. He spoke regarding the recent Cal Arts lecture series event regarding catastrophe politics and spoke regarding the next lecture in March of 2012. He spoke regarding Item 5.A. and requested that Staff look into ensuring that temporary meeting space is available for any recovery meetings that are currently held at Plummer Park that may be displaced during construction. He spoke regarding his recent trip to the Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Conference held in Texas.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding his recent trip to the Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Conference held in Texas.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding his attendance at the Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Conference held in Texas. He spoke regarding various cities having to cut social services due to the economy. He informed West Hollywood constituents that if they

receive tax bills from the City of Los Angeles, they are not obligated to pay them, and to contact the City of Los Angeles to resolve the issue. He also spoke regarding a recent mailing to West Hollywood residents from the Los Angeles Department of Public Works concerning an increase in sewer service charges, and instructed residents to contact Los Angeles to resolve the issue as they are not obligated to pay the increase. He spoke regarding various organizations available for those in need during the Holidays, and suggested various volunteer opportunities for those looking to volunteer. He spoke regarding the upcoming West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation event on December 11, 2011 at the Laurel-Norton Apartments. He spoke regarding the Gay Men's Chorus holiday concert and the inclusion of four Hanukah songs at the event. He provided clarification regarding statements he made at the last City Council meeting concerning the proposed changes to Plummer Park and apologized if his comments were misunderstood. He spoke regarding all the funding mechanisms that were put into place for the proposed construction at the Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Arevalo thanked City Staff for their clean-up efforts after the recent heavy winds.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$36,000 expenditures and \$0 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,K.,L.,M., N.,O.,P.,Q. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and unanimously approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: *The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 5, 2011 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, December 1, 2011.*

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 687, RESOLUTION NO. 11- 4246:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 687 and adopt Resolution No. 11-4246, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 687" **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing.

ACTION: Deny the Leave to Present a Late Claim filed by State Farm Insurance as Subrogee of Sherry Klein and refer them to the City's Claims Adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: 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. ORDINANCE NO. 11-878 (2ND READING), AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS LICENSE TRANSFERS AND CHANGES [C. SCHAFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-878, a proposed ordinance allowing businesses to change their name or location by updating their existing license(s).

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-878, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS LICENSE TRANSFERS AND CHANGES AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 11-879 (2ND READING), AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF TENANCY REGARDING SMOKING [C. SCHAFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-879, a proposed ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization provisions of the Municipal Code relating to changes in the terms of tenancy regarding smoking.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-879, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF TENANCY REGARDING SMOKING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. ORDINANCE NO. 11-881 (2ND READING), APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (PALM RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT) [C. SCHAFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-881, a proposed ordinance approving the First Amendment to a Development Agreement by and between the City of West Hollywood and 9001 Santa Monica Boulevard LLC for the construction of a new mixed use development project located at 9001 Santa Monica Boulevard (Palm Restaurant Development).

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 11-881, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (PALM RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT)."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.I. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012- 2013 [A. WINDERMAN, R. BURNLEY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) planning summary and budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the 2012-2013 CDBG program budget and instruct staff to submit the CDBG program planning summary for approval to the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles; 2) Authorize staff to adjust the 2012-2013 program budget as necessary to take into account the final CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any amounts remaining unspent at the close of the current fiscal year; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 11-4247, " A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FOURTH QUARTER REPORT FOR 2010-2011 AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR 2011-12 [A. WINDERMAN, R. BURNLEY]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will receive the Fourth Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2010-11 and the First Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2011-12 of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC).*

ACTION: Receive and file the Fourth Quarter Report for 2010-2011 and the First Quarter Report for 2011-12. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. BICYCLE TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS [A. MCINTOSH, M. ANTOL, M. BARNEY]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will receive a report and consider recommendations from the Bicycle Task Force (BTF). This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.*

2.L. SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y x1 HOLIDAY EVENT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH, D. MEGERDICHIAN]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider approving the use of Plummer Park's Rooms 5 and 6 for the 2011 C.I.T.Y x1 Holiday Event for LGBTQ youth to be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011.*

ACTIONS: 1) City Council to approve the use of Plummer Park Rooms 5 and 6 for the 2011 C.I.T.Y. x1 Holiday Event on Saturday, December 17, 2011; 2) Authorize waiver of fees for use of park facilities for this event; and 3) Authorize the waiver of parking regulations within Plummer Park during event hours. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. REVISE THE 2010-2011 BUDGET FOR THE EASTSIDE DEBT SERVICE FUND [A. GANDHY, D. WILSON, A. JORGENSON]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider revising the 2010-2011 operating budget for the Eastside Debt Service Fund in order to ensure compliance with State fiscal guidelines.*

ACTION: Authorize the Director of Finance to re-allocate \$1,511,390.32 to revise budgeted amounts to match actual pass-through payments in the Eastside Redevelopment Agency Debt Service Fund. Funds will be allocated to the following accounts: \$71,316.10 to account 404-1-03-33-537202, \$921,662.04 to account 404-1-03-33-537205, \$278,238.77 to account 404-1-03-33-537208 and \$240,173.41 to account 404-1-03-33-537209. Net fiscal impact will be \$0 as this represents a re-allocation of funds rather than new expenditures. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. AGREEMENT WITH RON RAKICH & ASSOCIATES TO REVIEW THE CITY'S INSURANCE COVERAGE OPTIONS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. WILSON, A. JORGENSON]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider approving a contract in the amount of \$35,799.50 to Ron Rakich & Associates in order to obtain the consulting services of this firm to review the City of West Hollywood's insurance coverage options. This firm was selected after a competitive Request for Proposal process in which 3 firms responded.*

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the selection of Ron Rakich & Associates as the City's insurance coverage consultant based on the submitted proposal; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any related documents with Ron Rakich & Associates in a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,799.50 to provide consulting services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY [K. COOK, S. BERRY, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider updating its designation of authorized agents for the California Emergency Management Agency.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 11-4248 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY" (Cal EMA) FOR RECOVERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DECLARED EMERGENCIES"; and 2) Rescind Resolution No. 05-3218. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. OPPOSE EXPANSION OF REFUSAL CLAUSE IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FOR CONTRACEPTION [A. LAND, C. PLANCK]

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider opposing the expansion of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's proposed religious exemption for contraception.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 11-4249, "A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE REFUSAL CLAUSE IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FOR CONTRACEPTION; and 2) Direct lobbyist to send letters of opposition to expanding the refusal clause for contraception to President Barack Obama and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. (5.A.) CONSIDERATION OF REMOVING THE WERLE BUILDING FROM THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PHASE II, WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider officially removing the Werle Building, located at 626 N. Robertson Boulevard from the West Hollywood Park Master Plan, re-designating it as a stand-alone municipal facility to be used to support various non-profits and directing staff to return to Council within 60 (sixty) days regarding a feasibility study for Phase II, West Hollywood Park Master Plan Implementation Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Discuss and provide staff with any additional direction regarding officially removing the Werle Building from the West Hollywood Park Master Plan and re-designating it as a stand-alone municipal facility; and 2) Direct staff to return to Council within 60 (sixty) days regarding the scope of a feasibility study for a Phase II, West Hollywood Park Master Plan Implementation Project as described in this report and appoint Mayor Duran and Councilmember Heilman to be Council's representatives regarding the feasibility study. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A PARKING STRUCTURE AND ISSUE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AN EXISTING NON-CONFORMING RELIGIOUS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1317 CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, A. GALLO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal filed by Jerry Ptashkin, neighboring residential property owner, and Abdy Khorramian, project applicant, regarding the Planning Commission's decision to approve the construction of a 101-space parking structure to replace the existing on-site 51-space surface parking lot and issue a conditional use permit to an existing non-conforming use located at 1317 Crescent Heights Boulevard.

ACTIONS: This Item was continued to January 17, 2012

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.K. BICYCLE TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS [A. MCINTOSH, M. ANTOL, M. BARNEY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report and consider recommendations from the Bicycle Task Force (BTF).

Councilmember Heilman stated that there are a number of items that will affect those that are not cyclists, specifically changes that may occur on Fountain Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. He requested clarification on how Staff will get input from residents who are not cyclists.

Melissa Antol provided clarification that many of recommendations that are put forward will go through the normal public process, specifically plans for Fountain Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding her attendance at the Bicycle Task Force Meetings and stated that much discussion and time was put into their recommendations. She spoke regarding coordinating with other

municipalities who have bicycle plans to ensure that the City finds the right balance. She spoke in support of a more detailed public process regarding some of the more complex Task Force recommendations.

Mayor Duran expressed concerns regarding changes to Fountain Avenue and spoke in support of a more detailed public process regarding some of the more complex Task Force recommendations.

MATT BAUME, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

REEZA EPINO, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

TESS LOTTA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

ALEXIS LANTZ, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

CASEY SHREINER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

ANNA PAYTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item, but spoke regarding safety issues and the addition of bike racks.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

LEE NICHOLS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item, but spoke regarding safety issues and the addition of bike lanes.

TAYLOR NICHOLS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item, and the upcoming screening of the movie entitled "Moving Beyond the Automobile" on December 7, 2011.

BROCK J. PAYTON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

TREVOR ORR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

RYAN LEADERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

STACEY JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding cars swinging their doors open on Fountain Avenue as bicycles pass by and requested that this issue be considered during the discussion of changes on Fountain Avenue. He spoke regarding traffic impacts surrounding reducing Fountain Avenue to one lane in each direction with a continuous center turn lane.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file Bicycle Task Force Recommendations Report; 2) Direct staff to return to Council in the next two months with a list

of three to five projects recommended by the BTF with identified fiscal impacts that can be implemented within eight months or less; and 3) Direct staff to return in two months with a cost estimate for an integrated update of 2003 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and approved unanimously.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. CONSIDERATION OF REMOVING THE WERLE BUILDING FROM THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PHASE II, WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

COSMO BOA, SANTA MONICA, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the possible loss of trees in relation to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

SOFIA RATCOVICH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

LYNDIA LOWEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding historic preservation near Plummer Park.

CHLOE ROSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m. in memory of Joe Nunley, Kurt Kroeger, Marilyn June McIntyre, Peter Minjarez, Scott Mazeroff, James Romero, and the brother of Claudia Finkle. The City Council adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 19th day of December, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Heilman, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and Mayor Duran.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

JOHN J. DURAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

COREY SCHAFFER, CITY CLERK