

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
MINUTES
Monday, November 20, 1995
West Hollywood Park Auditorium
647 North San Vicente Boulevard**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

The Council presented a Commendation to Sonndra May for her dedication and service while on the Animal Welfare Task Force.

The Council also presented Commendations to Simon Levay and Elizabeth Nonas on the publication of *City of Friends: A Portrait of Gay and Lesbian Life in America*.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

JAMES LITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission in favor of the 20,000 square foot threshold.

MARK MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERY MANAGEMENT, asked that Items 2 and 5 be postponed.

CLIVE BAILEY, LOS ANGELES, speaking on items 1-D and 1-A stated that raising the height limit will lower property values.

BETTY WAGNER, LOS ANGELES, spoke against raising the height limit to 45 feet.

DR. JULIA HUNTER, LOS ANGELES, stated that congestion along Sunset Boulevard is already unbearable and spoke against raising height limits.

DOUGLAS HUNTER, LOS ANGELES, concurs with the comments of his wife, Dr. Julia Hunter.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN:

Sarah Lejeune, Project Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 20, 1995

Unfinished Discussion from the October 30th Study Session:

16. Discussion of Hart Park development, including median.

Mayor Heilman suggests moving the median to the street directly in front of Hart Park.

By consensus, the City Council will defer this issue to the next study session.

17. Discussion of the Park at 4-(a).

Mayor Heilman does not feel this a viable setting for a park. He suggests inserting language requiring that the park be visible with clear access from Sunset Boulevard.

Concerns Raised at the October 30th Study Session:

1. What are the options for Site 7-C?

By consensus, the Council approved the staff recommendations if they may be implemented within the existing EIR.

2. What are the options for appropriate building setbacks.

Councilmember Land suggests a fifteen foot average setback.

Councilmember Koretz agrees with Councilmember Land's suggestion.

Mayor Heilman directed staff to measure various setbacks throughout the City to offer a basis for comparison.

By consensus, the Council deferred this issue to the next study session.

3. What are the review thresholds for other cities?

Councilmember Land supports a 30,000 square foot threshold.

Councilmember Koretz supports a threshold between 30,000 to 35,000 square feet with the threshold for nightclubs being lower.

Mayor Heilman suggests that the Council initially compromise on a 30,000 square foot threshold. The issue will be revisited when the entire Council is present.

4. What is the appropriate cul de sac language?

By consensus, the Council approved staff's recommendations.

5. What is the appropriate language to describe public access on private property?

The Council deferred a decision on this issue.

6. What is the process for developing the median?

Mayor Heilman supports a separate fund for medians and a separate fund for open space.

By consensus, the Council deferred this issue.

7. Will the Plan encourage a shuttle van on Sunset Boulevard?

Directs staff to bring back additional language initiating a feasibility study of alternative transportation forms.

Issues Raised by Staff

1. Additions and clarifications to the Billboard Chapter of the Plan.

By consensus, the Council will defer this issue pending recommended language from the City Attorney.

2. Format and schedule for Final Approval.

By consensus, the Council agreed on January 2, 1996 for an additional study session, if possible or January 3, 1995 as a back-up. Final approval is tentatively set for the first meeting in February of 1996.

4. RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

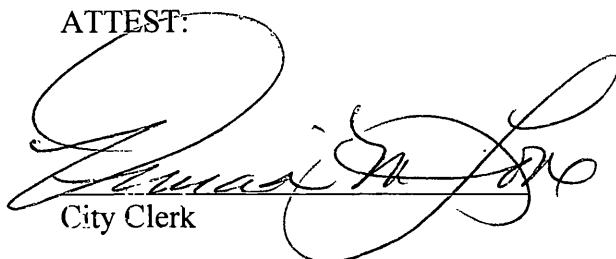
The City Council reconvened at 9:17 p.m. to the regular meeting.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 1995.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk