

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Raymundo Vizcarra led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Guarriello, Councilmember Heilman,  
Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, and Mayor  
Duran.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk West, and  
Assistant City Clerk Schaffer.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

City Attorney Jenkins stated that the Closed Session meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there was one (1) speaker. He stated that the Closed Session meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman to Continue Item 3.A. to the meeting of January 22, 2008.**

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land to Continue Item 3.B. to the meeting of February 4, 2008.**

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land to approve the December 17, 2007 agenda as amended and unanimously approved.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Prang presented a proclamation to the Fairfax High School Band and Color Guard for their recent awards in the LAUSD Band Competition and the California State Band Competition.

Councilmember Heilman presented certificates to the sponsors of the recent West Hollywood Book Fair.

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation to Brad Burlingame for his work with the West Hollywood Marketing and Visitors Bureau.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.E.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.R.

GEORGE CREDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.E.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.J.

MARK OLSON, FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, provided an update on a recent power outage in the City, and presented a State of the SCE System report to City Council.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various local, state and national issues.

DAN BERKOWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a hit-and-run incident in the City and ongoing difficulties working with the Sheriff's Station regarding the matter.

ISRAEL AYZENBAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented awards to City Council on behalf of Russian Veterans in West Hollywood.

GEORGE GILIO, ON BEHALF OF THE PALM RESTAURANT, spoke in support of Item 2.E.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the recent "Don't Drink and Drive" napkin campaign in the City.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding Louie Stern, an art gallery owner in the City, who recently received an award from the French Consulate for his work in the art community. She spoke regarding the upcoming "Day Without a Bag" event in the City. She spoke regarding the Well West Hollywood walking program and encouraged residents to participate. She wished everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Heilman wished everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year. He congratulated Team Weho on their recent completion of the AIDS Marathon in

Honolulu. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding a recent hit-and-run incident in the City and requested the City Manager and Public Safety Department to investigate the issue.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang noted his NO vote on Item 2.E. He spoke regarding a recent meeting to create a formal advisory committee comprised of every city in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He spoke regarding his attendance at a recent Santa Monica Bay Restoration Committee meeting and his reappointment for a two-year term. He wished everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

None.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$251,474.00 expenditures and \$0.00 in potential revenue.

#### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H., I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T. **Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously approved with Mayor Pro Tempore Prang voting NO on Item 2.E.**

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 17, 2007 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, December 13, 2007. **ACTION:** Receive and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings. **ACTION:** Approve the minutes of December 3, 2007.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 592, RESOLUTION NO. 07-3627:** The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance. **ACTION:** Approve Demand Register No. 592 and adopt Resolution No. 07-3627, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 592."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:** The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing. ACTION: Deny the claims of Lev Timashpolsky, Elizabeth Caputo-Grosso, Mark Reilly, and David Cohn and refer them to the City's Claims Adjuster for action.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 07-780 (2ND READING), ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2006-004, ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2006-003, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 2007-003, AND APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 2006-003 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001-9017 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]** The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-780, a proposed ordinance to allow altered development standards with approval of a development agreement for properties in the Community Commercial Zoning District and located along Santa Monica Boulevard and approving a development agreement for the property located at 9001-9017 Santa Monica Boulevard. ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-780, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2006-004, ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2006-003, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 2007-003 TO ALLOW ALTERED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS WITH APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTIES IN THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND LOCATED ALONG SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 2006-003 BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND WEHO PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001-9017 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Mayor Pro Tempore Prang voting NO.

**2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:** 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.G. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL CONTRACTING SERVICES: [L. LONG / S. BAXTER]** The City Council will consider awarding an Agreement for general contracting services with Saturn Systems, Incorporated. ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign an Agreement with Saturn Systems, Incorporated for general contracting work in an amount of \$98,000; and 2) Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 20% of the Agreement amount as approved by the Director of the Human Services.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.H. APPROVAL OF A DEED OF GIFT TO DONATE A FOSSIL TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:** [S PERLSTEIN / J. ENGLISH] The City Council will consider approval of a Deed of Gift to donate a fossil fragment to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Deed of Gift to donate a fossil to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.I. APPROVAL OF TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR BOOK FAIR CONSULTANT:** [L. LONG / N. BEARD / C. WORLAND] The City Council will consider approving a two-year contract with Roz Helfand to help in coordinating the annual West Hollywood Book Fair. ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a two-year contract between the City and Roz Helfand in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 each fiscal year; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to transfer unappropriated general funds of \$15,000 to the Recreation Division Budget 100-3-05-51-535011.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.J. COMMEMORATING THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD:** [A. LAND / L. BELSANTI / L. FOOKS] The City Council will consider a recommendation to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board. ACTION: Direct staff to coordinate 15th Anniversary activities with the Women's Advisory Board.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.K. CONTRACT WITH DON MARUSKA & COMPANY, INC, CONSULTANT:** [P. AREVALO / K. KRIETZMAN] The Council will consider approving a Contract with Don Maruska & Company, Inc. for the purposes of providing guidance for the Executive Team in developing strategic directions on critical issues and providing other services to the City Manager as needed and as outlined in the Scope of Services. ACTION: 1) Approve Contract with Don Maruska & Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.L. GRANT EXPENDITURE UPDATE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (SLESF) PROGRAM:** [K. COOK] The City Council will consider authorizing Public Safety staff to utilize the remaining Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) funds for the City's Park Security Program. ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to reprogram all savings and interest earnings from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) grant program towards the City's Park Security Program or other special

patrols.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.M. HYBRID VEHICLE PURCHASE:** [L. LONG / S. BAXTER / H. GOSS / S. BAILEY] The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of three hybrid vehicles. ACTION: 1) Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to Galpin Ford of North Hills, California in an amount of \$79,473.87 for the purchase of three 2008 Ford Escape Hybrids; and 2) Declare one 1999 Ford Passenger Van and one 1987 Ford Econoline Cargo Truck as surplus and authorize staff to sell these vehicles at a future date with funds received being deposited into the General Fund.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.N. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE CALIFORNIA PROPERTY OWNERS AND FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT:** [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON / A. LAND / L. BELSANTI / P. INDALL] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition of the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3628, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PROPERTY OWNERS AND FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Senator Sheila Kuehl, Governor Schwarzenegger, the West Hollywood Housing Corporation, the Coalition for Economic Survival, the League of California Cities, League of California Homeowners and California League of Conservation Voters.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.O. REVIEW OF STREET PEDDLER'S LICENSES:** [A. LAND / L. BELSANTI] The City Council will consider directing the Department of Public Works to prepare a review of the City's street peddler's licenses. ACTION: Direct the Department of Public Works to prepare a review of the City's street peddler's licenses.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.P. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' PLATFORM FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** [J. PRANG / J. KURPIES] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of the National League of Cities Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3629, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE CITY PLATFORM DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES TO

STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH" and 2) Direct staff to send a copy of the signed resolution to Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Senator Sheila Kuehl, Governor Schwarzenegger, and the National League of Cities.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.Q.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF ACA 8 (DE LA TORRE), AB 887 (DE LA TORRE) AND THE HOMEOWNERS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT: [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON / P. INDALL] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of ACA 8 (De La Torre), AB 887 (De La Torre) and the Homeowners and Private Property Protection Act. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3630, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMEOWNERS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to Assemblymember Mike Feuer, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Governor Schwarzenegger, the West Hollywood Housing Corporation, the League of California Cities, the Coalition for Economic Survival, League of California Homeowners and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.R.** SUPPORT OF ISSUING A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY: [J. DURAN / H. MOLINA / P. INDALL] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of issuing a postal stamp in honor of Mayor Tom Bradley. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3631, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the signed resolution to the League of California Cities and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.S.** SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HIV TESTING INITIATIVE: [J. DURAN / H. MOLINA / P. INDALL] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of the City of Los Angeles HIV Testing Initiative. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3632, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HIV TESTING INITIATIVE"; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to Stephen David Simon, AIDS Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.T. RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 20, 2007 AS A DAY WITHOUT A BAG:** [J. PRANG / J. KURPIES / A. LAND / L. BELSANTI / T. LIN] The City Council will consider adopting a resolution recognizing December 20, 2007 as A Day Without a Bag. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3633, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER 20, 2007 AS A DAY WITHOUT A BAG"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to Heal the Bay to help promote this event.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:23 P.M.**

The Community Development Commission approved the minutes from the December 3, 2007 meeting and adopted a Five-Year Implementation Plan for the East Side Redevelopment Project Area. The actions are more fully described in the West Hollywood Community Development Commission minutes.

**THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:35 P.M.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 3.A. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING SIX (6) UNIT MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCT A NEW SIXTEEN (16) UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM STRUCTURE:** [S. HEALY KEENE / J. KEHO / J. NOEL] An appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of permits to demolish a six unit apartment complex consisting of two, two-story buildings and construct a new four-story, sixteen unit condominium building with one level of subterranean parking.

**ACTION:** CONTINUE the Item to the meeting of January 22, 2008. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, Seconded by Councilmember Heilman and approved.**

- 3.B. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION INTERPRETATION OF A CONDITION OF APPROVAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2005-03 FOR THE CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 1261-1265 FAIRFAX AVENUE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA.:** [S. HEALY KEENE / J. KEHO / J. NOEL] The City Council continued this item from its meeting of October 15, 2007 at the request of the appellant as well as the applicant for the purpose of reaching an agreement between the two parties. Due to the lack of a timely resolution to the matter, staff is recommending that the item be continued to the meeting of February 4, 2008 to allow for discussion between the appellant and applicant in the interest of reaching a compromise.



**ACTION:** CONTINUE this matter to the meeting of February 4, 2008. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, Seconded by Councilmember Land and approved.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. TAXICAB FRANCHISES 2-YEAR EXTENSION:** [T. BROWN / T. SLIMMER / J. ENGLISH] The City Council will receive information on the taxicab franchisees and extend the franchise agreement for the 2nd of three one-year extensions for 2007.

Toya Brown, Transportation Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2007.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns surrounding taxicab drivers in the City.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding taxicab drivers charging incorrect rates in the City.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding taxicab rates and customer service issues in the City.

WILLIAM ROUSE, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding concerns surrounding enforcement issues in the staff report and impacts on the owners of taxicab companies due to the revocation of licenses. He spoke in support of the installation of Smart Meters and GPS technology in taxicabs.

YVEGENY SMOLYAR, PORTER RANCH, spoke in support of the installation of Smart Meters in taxicabs and regarding concerns surrounding impacts on the owners of taxicab companies due to the revocation of licenses.

NETTABAI AHMED, SANTA MONICA, spoke regarding rate differences between the City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills. He spoke regarding concerns surrounding impacts on the owners of taxicab companies due to the revocation of licenses.

EDIK ELYASI, GLENDALE, spoke in support of Smart Meters in taxicabs and proposed revisions in enforcement taxicab rates in the City. He spoke regarding impacts on the owners of taxicab companies due to the revocation of licenses.

MELESE ADMU, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the installation of Smart Meters in taxicabs. He spoke regarding confusion surrounding the rate differences in the City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills.

MARTIN SHATANCHYAM, VAN NUYS, spoke regarding concerns surrounding impacts on the owners of taxicab companies due to the revocation of licenses. He spoke

regarding confusion surrounding the rate differences in the City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of granting an extension to taxicab companies who show proof of having ordered Smart Meters prior to the deadline, even if the Smart Meters are on backorder.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the need for taxicab owners to order Smart Meters for their cabs in a timely manner. She spoke in support of a meeting between Transportation Staff and taxicab owners to further investigate methods of penalization.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the possibility of penalizing taxicab drivers as opposed to penalizing taxicab companies.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding holding taxicab companies responsible for proper hiring and training of drivers. He spoke regarding concerns surrounding permanent revocation of licenses, and spoke regarding the possibility of a step penalty system. He spoke regarding a possible upcoming L.A. County regional meeting to discuss taxicab regulations.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding concerns surrounding permanent revocation of licenses, and spoke in support of discretion for penalization based on a case-by-case basis.

**ACTION:** 1) Direct staff to inspect and seal for the one-year period February 28, 2008 through February 28, 2009 the number of franchises and their corresponding taxicabs approved to operate in the City of West Hollywood; 2) Direct staff to come back with recommendations and alternatives regarding: a) penalties for any taxicab driver proved to be in violation of rate regulations; b) penalties for any taxicab not possessing a printable meter at the time of their 2008 scheduled inspection date; and c) and possible differentiation between penalties for taxicab drivers and taxicab companies.

**Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

**4.B. HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL 2007 REVIEW:** [L. LONG / N. BEARD / K. COOK] The City Council will review the 2007 Halloween Carnival report.

Nancy Beard, Recreation Services Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2007.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding parking issues for the event and possible location of additional parking. He spoke regarding public safety issues and suggested a cost-benefit analysis for the event. He spoke regarding concerns surrounding the 2008 Halloween Holiday falling on a Friday night.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of the inclusion of the band Hanson in the event. She spoke regarding the possibility of making the event a smoke-free event.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the possible use of West Hollywood Park during the event.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the cultural benefits to the Community from the event. He spoke regarding the size of the crowd during the event and possible public safety solutions. He spoke regarding the sale of alcohol in certain locations during the event. He spoke regarding better training for Sheriff's and law enforcement staff. He spoke regarding concerns surrounding people bringing pets and children to the event.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke in support of the event. He spoke regarding concerns surrounding crowd size and public safety issues during the event.

**ACTION:** Receive the event report and Discuss 2007 event.

**Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE:** [S. HEALY KEENE / J. KEHO / F. CONTRERAS] The City Council shall receive an update on the Historic Resources Survey and a possible Garden Court Thematic Grouping.

Francisco Contreras, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2007.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding concerns surrounding the types of actual properties in the City which could be included in the grouping.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding concerns surrounding the types of actual properties in the City which could be included in the grouping. She spoke regarding concerns surrounding creating a grouping, as opposed to considering properties on an individual basis.

Mayor Duran spoke in support of setting the criteria prior to locating specific properties that might be included in the grouping. He spoke in support of the criteria recommendations of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding concerns surrounding creating a grouping, as opposed to considering properties on an individual basis.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke in support of creating a grouping and setting criteria. He spoke in support of the Historic Preservation Commission criteria recommendations.

**ACTION:** 1) Receive and file an update on the Historic Resources Survey; and 2)

Provide direction to the consultant and staff to return to City Council with additional information, and possible examples, to help define grouping criteria. **Motion by Councilmember Land, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and approved.**

- 5.B. DIRECT STAFF TO EXAMINE THE HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROPERTY AT 801 WESTBOURNE:** [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON / T. LIN] The City Council will consider directing staff to examine the history and current status of the property at 801 Westbourne and to take appropriate steps to correct the unacceptable condition of the property.

Councilmember Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2007.

**ACTION:** Direct the Department of Community Development to examine the history and current status of the property at 801 Westbourne and take appropriate steps to correct the problems. **Motion by Councilmember Land, Seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and approved.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

**6.A.** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:16 P.M. to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

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JOHN J. DURAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK