



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Thursday, March 2, 2006 @ 6:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting at
West Hollywood Park Auditorium
647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California**

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NOTE: Any agenda item which has not been initiated by 10:30 P.M. may be continued to a subsequent Planning Commission Agenda.

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Reminder: please speak clearly into microphones and turn off all cellular phones and pagers. For additional information on any item listed below, please contact John Keho, Planning Manager at (323) 848-6393.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Planning Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, March 2, 2006.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Planning Commission meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

A. January 5, 2006 (verbatim transcript)

B. February 16, 2006

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time, to a maximum of twenty (20) minutes, has been set aside for the public to address the Planning Commission on any item on the agenda, except those set for public hearing. Members of the public may also bring non-agenda items to the attention of the Planning Commission at this time. In accordance with the Brown Act, items so presented cannot be acted upon, nor discussed, by the Commission at this time, but may be referred to staff for report on a future agenda, ordered received and filed, or referred to the proper department for administrative resolution. Please fill out a Speaker's Slip and give it to the Commission Secretary to the Commission prior to speaking.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. Development Permit 2005-018, Tentative Tract Map 2006-005: Applicant is requesting a continuance of the item to Thursday, March 16, 2006 Planning Commission meeting, to allow sufficient opportunity to respond to comments made by the Design Review Subcommittee of the Planning Commission on the proposed project, for the property located at 1257 N. Detroit Street, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Jacques Mashih, Architects, AIA

Locations: 1257 Detroit Street

Planner: Jennifer Noel

Recommendation: 1) Continue to Thursday, March 16, 2006.

B. Larchmont Charter Elementary School Update: An update regarding the operations of Larchmont Charter Elementary School and its affect on the neighboring residences to the west, approved by the City Council on Monday, August 15, 2005, for the property located at 1261-1265 N. Fairfax Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Education and Welfare Corp.

Locations: 1261-1265 N. Fairfax Avenue

Planner: Jennifer Noel

Recommendation: 1) Provide clarification regarding Condition 10.3 of City Council Resolution No. 05-3291; and 2) receive and file.

C. Development Permit 2005-031: Applicant is requesting to allow conversion of an existing twenty-one unit, multi-family condominium residential building being partially utilized as rental property, located at 625 N. Flores Street, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Michael Silva, Form Architectural, Inc.

Locations: 625 N. Flores Street

Planner: Debby Linn

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-653 conditionally approving Development Permit 2005-031, for the property located at 625 N. Flores Street, West Hollywood, California.

- D. Demolition Permit 2004-031, Development Permit 2004-043, Modification Permit 2005-015, Tentative Tract Map 2004-021:** Applicant is requesting permits to allow for the construction of one detached dwelling unit and four covered parking stalls in rear yard behind the existing house. It includes a tentative tract map for division of property into two condominium units, after-the-fact demolition permit for prior demolition in rear yard, and modification to reduce rear yard setback by ten (10%) percent to preserve an existing mature tree, for the property located at 7719 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Stephen Michael Kernan

Locations: 7719 Norton Avenue

Planner: Francie Stefan

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-651 denying Development Permit 2004-043, Modification Permit 2005-015 and Demolition Permit 2004-031; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-652 denying Tentative Tract Map 2004-021, for the property located at 7719 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

- E. Demolition Permit 2005-025, Development Permit 2005-037, Tentative Tract Map 2005-012, Negative Declaration:** Applicant is requesting permits to demolish an existing eight-unit, multi-family residential structure and construct in it's place, an 18,376 square-foot, eight-unit condominium structure, for the property located at 8008 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Norton Lofts, LLC (Tony Kantarjian)

Locations: 8008 Norton Avenue

Planner: David DeGrazia

Recommendation: 1) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-649 adopting a Negative Declaration, and conditionally approving Demolition Permit 2005-025 and Development Permit 2005-037; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 06-650 conditionally approving Tentative Tract Map 2005-012 (Minor Land Division 64260), for the property located at 8008 Norton Avenue, West Hollywood, California.

- 10. NEW BUSINESS.** None.
- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.
- 12. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
- 13. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

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15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

16. ADJOURNMENT. The Planning Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, March 16, 2006** beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

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AGENDA POLICIES

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REQUEST TO SPEAK on an item must be submitted on a Speakers Request Form and submitted to the Planning Commission Secretary. All requests to address the Planning Commission on Public Hearings items must be submitted prior to the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

CONSENT CALENDAR items will be acted upon by the Planning Commission at one time without discussion, unless a Planning Commissioner pulls a specific item for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS PROCEDURES on each Public Hearing item include presentation of a staff report; Planning Commission questions of staff; a ten (10) minute presentation by the project applicant or applicant's representative or team, if any; Planning Commission questions of the applicant; three (3) minutes (in order to facilitate the meeting, the Chair may lengthen or shorten the three (3) minute period for all speakers on a particular agenda item based on the number of persons in attendance wishing to speak or the complexity of the matter under consideration) for each member of the public wishing to speak to the item; five (5) minutes for the project applicant to respond to the public or clarify issues raised by the public; Planning Commission deliberations and decisions.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC should begin with the speaker stating his or her name and city of residence, followed by a statement regarding the item under consideration. Please speak to the Planning Commission as a whole.

PROFESSIONALS APPEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION should clearly identify their status, such as "attorney", "paralegal", "architect", "designer", or "landscape architect". Instances of misrepresentation of professional status may be referred to the City Attorney for possible prosecution.

LETTERS OR WRITTEN MATERIALS regarding agenda items may be submitted to the City Planning Division staff prior to or at the Planning Commission meeting; written materials submitted at least eight (8) days in advance of the meeting will be included in the Planning Commission's meeting packet. Materials submitted after the deadline may be difficult for the Planning Commission to adequately review.

ASSIGNING OF TIME is not permitted.

ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION on most matters occurs with the affirmative votes of at least four (4) Planning Commissioners.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

Any final determination by the Planning Commission may be appealed, and such appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the Planning Commission action. This appeal shall be made in written form to the City Clerks Office, accompanied by an appeal fee or required number of signatures.

The City Clerk, upon filing of said appeal, will set petition for a public hearing before the City of West Hollywood's City Council at the earliest date.

If you challenge any City of West Hollywood decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described on this agenda, or in a written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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