



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 1999

West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair John Altschul.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeffrey Huffer.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

John Altschul, Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Thomas Jones, Harriet Segal, Steve Smith

Commissioners Absent:

Liz Anderson

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; Thinh Tran, Administrative Staff Assistant; Tim Foy, Associate Planner, Jeffrey Huffer, Assistant Planner

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the Agenda .

Motion: Crowe

Second: Segal

Votes: All Ayes (Anderson, Jones absent)

Motion carried.

D. Posting of Agenda

This agenda was posted at City Hall, the Community Development Department counter, West Hollywood Library on San Vicente Boulevard, Plummer Park, and the West Hollywood Sheriff's station.

Commissioner Jones present from this point forward.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Pulled

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *December 17, 1998 Minutes*

The Commission directed staff to amend the following:

- Action approving Resolution PC 98-202, that all other conditions of Sign Modification 97-28 remain in effect.

Commissioner Segal stated that she had expressed that she disliked a proliferation of billboards, but generally agreed with the other Commissioners and that each permit should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Approve the Minutes, as amended.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes (Altschul abstained, Anderson absent)

Motion carried.

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION - none

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Sign Modification 98-53: *Permit directional signs bearing store name for parking structure. Continued from December 17, 1998.*

Applicant: Heath & Co. (Sav-On Drugs)
Location: 8491 Santa Monica Boulevard
Planner: Tim Foy
Recommendation: *To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Crowe commented on Commission's previous review.
Mr. Foy presented the staff report.

a. **Ray Smith, Applicant,** presented applicant's report.

The Commission discussed interior sign permits.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio
Votes: All Ayes (Anderson absent) Motion carried.

Commissioner Altschul stated that he would not be voting on this application because he was absent at the last hearing.

The Commission discussed viewable signs while heading west on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Action: To approve Resolution PC 99-203, approving signs B, D, E, A.

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio
Votes: All Ayes (Altschul abstained, Anderson absent.) Motion carried.

B. SSPA 98-03, ZTA 98-06: *Amend the Sunset Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance to permit the conversion of single-sided billboards into two-sided billboards.*

Applicant: City of West Hollywood
Location: Sunset Specific Plan Zones
Planner: John Keho
Recommendation: *To continue this item to February 4, 1999.*

Action: To continue the hearing to February 4, 1999.

Votes: All Ayes (Anderson absent) Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. **Jeanne Dobrin,** West Hollywood, commented on Weho Lounge.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- a. Commissioner Jones stated that the PAC is continuing discussion to choose a developer for the La Brea Gateway Site; the next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 26, 1999.
- b. Commissioner Smith stated that on February 1, 1999, the City Council will receive the recommendation from PAC regarding the La Brea Gateway Site, and that constituents should voice their opinions.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. Director's Report – Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds reported on the following in addition to his written report: Zoning Revision schedule. Ms. Heep and the Commission discussed the proposed schedule. The Commission agreed by consensus to the schedule.

b. Committee to Meet with the Transportation Commission Representatives

The Commission agreed by consensus that Commissioners Smith and Crowe would serve on this committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to a regular meeting on February 4, 1999, from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY 4, 1999.

CHAIRPERSON: _____

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: _____