



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

August 19, 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 Smith.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

A Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joel Polacheck.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Harriet Segal, Steve Smith, Bradly Torgan, John Altschul, Liz Anderson

Staff Present:

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Keho, Senior Planner; Craig Steele, City Attorney; Jennifer Davis, Senior Planner; Terry Blount, Assistant Planner; John Chase, Urban Designer; Dennis Woods, Senior Transportation Planner; Emmeline Elzin, Planning Intern; Pam Adams, Temporary Staff Assistant; Bruce Robertson, Staff Assistant.

Others Present:

Richard Kaku, City Transportation Consultant; Donald A. Hilland, CSR.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes

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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Yumi Kiyose, Los Angeles**, expressed opposition to Hotel Astra's approval.
- b. **Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood**, spoke in favor of the Sunset Specific Plan.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - Pulled

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. To make the following amendments to the minutes of August 5, 1999.
- Under conditions of approval (on page eight) related to employee parking should read, *All employee parking shall be located on-site, for free, or the applicant shall provide incentives to employees to use public transportation.*
 - Add to the minutes, Commissioner Altschul recused himself from the public hearing due to a conflict of interest.
 - Add to the minutes, Commissioner Segal recused herself from the public hearing.
 - Make sure that the Commission's concerns regarding closing Hammond are forwarded to the Transportation Commission.

Action: To approve the Minutes as amended.
Motion: DeLuccio Second: Anderson
Abstained: Altschul
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

- B. To amend condition 11.4 of Resolution PC 99-239 to read, *All employee parking shall be located on-site, for free, or the applicant shall provide incentives to employees to use public transportation.*

Action: To approve Resolution PC 99-239 as amended.
Motion: DeLuccio Second: Torgan
Abstained: Altschul
Abstained: Segal
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **CUP 99-10:** Construction, use and maintenance of a wireless telecommunications facility (continued from August 5, 1999).

Applicant:	Pacific Bell Wireless
Location:	8612 Santa Monica Boulevard
Planner:	Terry Blount
Recommendation:	To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Torgan recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Blount presented the staff report.

Applicant's report presented by:

Mark A. Siffin, Los Angeles
Ed Friedrichs, Brentwood
Sam Ross, Los Angeles
Cindy Starrett, Altadena

Public Comment

- a. **Rosemary Minsky, West Hollywood**, supports project and presented petition.
- b. **Mark Montgomery, West Hollywood**, in favor of project and voiced some concerns.
- c. **Councilman Michael Feuer, Los Angeles**, cities must work as a team to effectuate good planning. Expressed analyses are inadequate and express emergency vehicle access concerns.
- d. **Susan McMurray, West Hollywood**, Mark Siffin and his staff have worked with neighbors in every reasonable way possible.
- e. **Joel Polacheck, West Hollywood**, supports the project.
- f. **Lorraine Cole, West Hollywood**, looks forward to this development.
- g. **Jay Welch, West Hollywood**, residents need light at Alta Loma & Holloway prior to commencement of this project and in favor of a cul de sac on Alta Loma.
- h. **Rick Shane, West Hollywood**, supports Millennium Project and stated it follows the Sunset Specific Plan.
- i. **Paula Holt, West Hollywood**, expressed support of project's creative and stylish design.
- j. **Bill Satt, Los Angeles**, expressed parking concerns.
- k. **Joan Satt, Los Angeles**, traffic and emergency vehicle access concerns.
- l. **Gary Silvers, Los Angeles**, expressed traffic concerns and stated that the project is flawed.
- m. **G.G. Verone, Los Angeles**, (given time by Catherine Kortelberg) presented petition against the project.
- n. **Joel S. Moskowitz, Palos Verdes Estates**, (given time by Goursaud Anne) presented report opposing the project.
- o. **Richard Slawson, Los Angeles**, feels the project would be good for the community.
- p. **Francis J. Montgomery, Beverly Hills**, voiced parking concerns.
- q. **Joe Shooshani, Beverly Hills**, project is a jewel and the plans make sense.
- r. **Mary Brill, West Hollywood**, expressed project impact and traffic concerns.
- s. **Sara Amir, Los Angeles**, feels project should be stopped.
- t. **James Jeffares, West Hollywood**, supports the project.
- u. **Thomas Jones, West Hollywood**, voiced support and feels project enhances the Sunset Specific Plan.
- v. **Dr. Jehuda Renan, West Hollywood**, supports project & Mr. Siffin as the project's developer.
- w. **Jan Dyck, West Hollywood**, applauds project moving forward.
- x. **Larry Springer, West Hollywood**, expressed traffic concerns.
- y. **Linda Corrente, Los Angeles**, opposes project, too large.

- z. Dorothy Goodman, Los Angeles**, concurs with Councilman Feuer, opposes project.
- aa. Al Corti, Del Mar**, spoke about upscale retail shops the project will bring, and feels the project would be a welcome addition to the community.
- bb. Sandra Tucker, West Hollywood**, (given time by Stanley Ruben) expressed traffic concerns on Holloway.
- cc. Monica Weil, Los Angeles**, voiced traffic concerns and video screen concerns.
- dd. Martin Davidson, West Hollywood**, this is about money or humanity, pick one.
- ee. Sidney Schwartz, Los Angeles**, voiced pollution concerns.
- ff. Susie Manners, West Hollywood**, concerned with traffic on Olive.
- gg. Dorothy Lee Levinson, West Hollywood**, project will add beauty not blight to the community.
- hh. Katherine Thueline, West Hollywood**, expressed CUP enforcement concerns.
- ii. Lynne Segall, Los Angeles**, traffic concerns.
- jj. Patricia Ernest, Los Angeles**, expressed concern over project size.
- kk. Bruce A. Evans, Los Angeles**, traffic impact concerns.
- ll. Inga Coodley, Los Angeles**, stated that West Hollywood doesn't need another hotel.
- mm. Geoffrey Smith, West Hollywood**, concerned with how this project will improve quality of life for residents.
- nn. Scott Elliot, Los Angeles**, opposes project.
- oo. George Gradowski, West Hollywood**, voiced neighborhood security concerns.
- pp. Dakata Sands, West Hollywood**, project is too large, opposes project.
- qq. Judy Hilsinger, West Hollywood**, supports project, but is in favor of cul de sac on Alta Loma.
- rr. Philip Hindenach, West Hollywood**, feels project is beautiful and will benefit the city.
- ss. John Sheehan, West Hollywood**, expressed support for the project.
- tt. Jim Kazakos, West Hollywood**, supports the project.
- uu. Ryan Leaderman, West Hollywood**, expressed concern over cumulative effects of development projects.
- vv. Jane Marks, West Hollywood**, expressed air quality health risk concerns.
- ww. James Miller, West Hollywood**, stated support for this beautiful project.
- xx. Marilyn Katz, Los Angeles**, concerned over scope and size of project. Traffic.
- yy. Aaron Leider, Los Angeles**, (given time by Peter Maurice) concerned with emergency vehicle access to residents in the hills.
- zz. Julienne Johnson, Los Angeles**, expressed video screen and traffic concerns.
- aaa. John O'Connor, West Hollywood**, voiced opposition to the development and traffic concerns.
- bbb. Dawn Sandor, West Hollywood**, expressed concern over project size.
- ccc. Allan Wilion, Los Angeles**, adopts record presented by Moskowitz, Brestoff, Winston & Blinderman LLP.
- ddd. Stewart Strunk, West Hollywood**, opposes Sunset Millennium Project.
- eee. Shirley A. Roberts, West Hollywood**, expressed construction impact concerns and is against project.
- fff. Frank Corrente, Hollywood**, opposes project and believes it should be scaled back.

