



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

December 16, 1999

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D'Lynda Fischer.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

John Altschul (* denotes Altschul's absence in minutes)

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Keho, Senior Planner; John Chase, Urban Designer; Elinor Aurthur, Contract Planner; Lz Bar-El, Associate Planner; Erika Fleming, City Attorney's Office; Thinh Tran, Administrative Assistant.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To pull the Consent Calendar and approve the revised 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 - none

ITEM 3.A

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved to Excluded Consent Calendar.

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes – November 18, 1999

The Commission directed to amend the November 18, 1999, Minutes as follows:

- On page 3, delete "Commissioner Altschul requests Mr. Benedetti's comments."

B. Minutes – December 2, 1999

The Commission directed to amend the December 2, 1999, Minutes as follows:

- On page 4, Item 5, add word "hour" after the "1/2"
- Page 5, action to approve Resolution PC 99-247 motioned by Torgan, and seconded by Crowe.

Action: To approve the November 18 and December, 1999, Minutes, as amended.

Motion: Crowe Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Creative Sign Permit 99-11: Creative sign permit for Tower Records.

Applicant: Gelson's

Location: 8801 Sunset Boulevard

Planner: John Chase

Recommendation: To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Chase presented staff report.

The Commission discussed the following items: reduction in amount of square footage of total signage, types of signs, and setting precedence.

- a. Gary Yuke, Applicant, presented Applicant's report.

The Commission discussed the following items: Sunset Specific Plan and excessive signage.

- b. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on excessive signage.

Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 99-272.

Motion: DeLuccio Second: Crowe

Votes: Ayes – Anderson, Crowe, DeLuccio, Torgan
Noes – Segal, Smith

Motion carried.

B. Creative Sign Permit 99-14: Creative sign for Gelson's.

Applicant: Gelson's
Location: 8330 Santa Monica Boulevard
Planner: Tim Foy
Recommendation: To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Foy presented the staff report.

a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented that signs are inappropriate.

Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 99-276.

Motion: Anderson Second: DeLuccio
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Cultural Resource Rehabilitation Incentive 99-01: To permit the construction of an additional floor level and expansion of square footage in a historically designated structure nonconforming due to height and density, and to request a parking reduction.

Applicant: Enrico Bressan for Artecnic
Location: 1424 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard
Planner: Elinor Aurthur
Recommendation: To approve the request subject to the findings and conditions in the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Smith recused himself because he lives within close proximity to the project.

Ms. Aurthur presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed:

- Commission review
- Current construction work
- Variance versus rehabilitation incentive
- Exterior work

a. Enrico Bressan, Applicant, presented Applicant's report.
b. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, commented on number of bedrooms.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Crowe Second: Anderson
Votes: All Ayes (Smith abstained) Motion carried.

Action: To approve Resolution PC 99-268.

Motion: Crowe Second: Anderson
Votes: All Ayes (Smith abstained) Motion carried.

expressed support.

- d. Eli Teller, West Hollywood, student at Center, expressed support.
- e. Ken Klausner, West Hollywood, commented on design, diversity and expressed support.
- f. Elizabeth Mitiku, West Hollywood, commented on education and expressed support.
- g. Michael Kohn, West Hollywood, commented on importance for community and visibility to art.
- h. Gilberto Martinez, West Hollywood, commented on progressiveness and diversity.
- i. Asad Durrani, West Hollywood, commented on importance of children for our future.
- j. Veena Persaud, Applicant's Attorney, gave closing comments.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes*

Motion carried.

The Commission directed staff to amend Resolution PC 99-269 as follows:

- 10.10 – change to language based on Condition 38 of prior CUP
- 10.5 – allow valets within garage for events
- delete bus pad from 10.14
- delete flashing signal from 10.15
- 3.5 – change to read “Any other required fees...”
- Add language to environmental findings as read by City Attorney
- 5.7 – add language to construction mitigation plan regarding safe passage during construction.

Action: To approve Resolutions PC 99-270, PC 99-271 and PC 99-269, as amended above.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

Votes: All Ayes*

Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS - None

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on January 6, 2000, at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

The Commission agreed by consensus.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2000.

CHAIRPERSON: Stephen H. J. [Signature]

ATTEST:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: [Signature]