



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 16, 1998

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 Liz Bar-El

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

John Altschul, Liz Anderson, David Behr, Brad Crowe, Steve Smith

Commissioners Absent:

Donald DeLuccio, Thomas Jones

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Amanda Susskind, City Attorney's Office; Think Tran, Administrative Staff Assistant; Liz Bar-El, Assistant Planner; Jennifer Davis, Associate Planner.

D. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Smith requested to amend the agenda to include his report on the Santa Monica Boulevard Advisory Steering Committee (Item 8a).

Action: To approve the Agenda, as amended above.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Smith

Votes: All Ayes (DeLuccio, Jones absent) Motion carried.

E. 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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Minutes, April 2, 1998*

B. *Tandem Parking for DVP 97-23: Tandem parking for up to 50% of required parking for a new retail building (same property as Mel's Drive-In).*

Applicant: David Kermani

Location: 8569 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA

Case Planner: Liz Bar-El

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

Action: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Crowe Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes (DeLuccio, Jones absent) Motion carried.

4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Planning Commission & Transportation Commission Coordination – Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented the staff report.

The Commission decided by consensus on the following:

1. Appoint a four member Ad hoc committee when a project reaches the threshold requiring a traffic study. The four member committee will consist of two members each from the Planning and Transportation Commissions. The subcommittee will meet after the completion of the traffic study and before Planning Commission consideration of the project. Minutes of the committee meeting shall be forwarded to each Commission. Commissioners may comment on the minutes. Transportation Commissioner comments shall be transmitted to the Planning Commission. Every effort shall be made to transmit any comments prior to Planning Commission Consideration of the project.
2. Provide the Transportation Commission with the monthly Planning Status Reports.
3. Invite the Transportation Commission to EIR scoping meetings particularly for the traffic and transportation issues.
4. Send the Transportation Commission mailings of all neighborhood meetings.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- a. Santa Monica Boulevard Advisory Steering Committee – Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Smith commented on the first Committee meeting, April 14, 1998. The Committee is chaired by Councilmember Steve Martin. The next meeting will be on April 28, 1998 at 6 pm at Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park. A discussion topic will be, "What to do with the median strip?" Commissioner Behr inquired about the ballot measure proposal to finance this project. Mr. Reynolds stated that it would be likely to be voted on and that the Committee's recommendations will affect the ballot measure proposal.
- b. Commissioner Crowe commented that the Design Review Committee process is working very well. The Mayfair/Gelson's market project was to come before Planning Commission again; however, changes recommended by the Committee were included and improved upon and no longer requires Commission approval.
- c. Commissioner Behr inquired about the schedule for the zoning code rewrite. Mr. Reynolds stated that he would provide them with a schedule at the next meeting.
- d. Commissioner Behr expressed concern regarding geologists' opinions. Mr. Reynolds stated that this concern is being addressed by the City Council; two items before the Council are pre-approval list of consultants and guidelines brochure for developers.
- e. Commissioner Altschul stated that Public Safety Manager had inquired whether the Planning Commission meetings required security. The Commission agreed that there was no need for security.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. Director's Report – Ray Reynolds


Mr. Reynolds reported on the following items: Santa Monica Boulevard, MCUP, Historic Workshop, Urban Epicuria, Sav-On, Redevelopment, House and Gardens, Home Secure Project, Commercial Revitalization, Avenues of Art & Design, Arts & Design, WHHC, Economic Development Outreach, WHEST.

b. Ms. Davis stated that there will be a Historic Workshop to discuss preservation plans on April 27, 1998 at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular Planning Commission on April 16, 1998 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF APRIL 16, 1998.

CHAIRPERSON: 

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: 