



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

JUNE 19, 1997

Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ray Reynolds.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Reynolds.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

John Altschul, David Behr, Brad Crowe, Donald DeLuccio, Thomas Jones, Steve Smith

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director; Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; Amanda Susskind, City Attorney's Office; John Chase, Urban Designer; Hassan Haghani, Associate Planner; Timothy Foy, Associate Planner; Thinh Tran, Administrative Staff Assistant

C. Approval of Agenda

D'Lynda Fischer, Chair of the Planning Commission, has resigned and the position of Vice-Chair is vacant.

Ms. Heep stated that according to the Planning Commission By-Laws, that the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair is to be done at the latter part of the agenda, unless the Commission elects to do otherwise.

Action: To hold the election of Chair and Vice-Chair as Item 2 of tonight's agenda.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Smith

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Action: To pull Item 4A and approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Behr

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.

ITEM 3.A

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes, June 5, 1997

The Commission directed staff to amend:

- page 2, Item 6A, the action should be to approve Resolution PC 97-132.
- page 3, Item 6B, that Altschul voted "yes", and Jones voted "no."
- page 4, Item 7B, the remove parenthesis under vote to deny DVP 97-18, stating that "Fischer absent"
- page 6, Item 9c, change word "light" to "height".

Action: To approve the June 5, 1997 Minutes.

Motion: DeLuccio

Second: Behr

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

6. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Creative Sign Permit 97-13 Request Creative Sign for Super-Oxy Herbar.

Applicant: Richard DeAndrea
Location: 8788 Sunset Boulevard
Case Planner: John Chase

Recommendation: Approve the request and adopt the proposed resolution, subject to the findings therein.

Mr. Chase presented the staff report.

Chair Altschul disclosed that he resides within 500' radius of the project, and that this would not impact his decision.

- a. Richard DeAndrea**, Applicant, presented Applicant's report.
- b. Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented on the name of the business and spoke positively regarding architect.

Action: To approve Resolution PC 97-134.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Smith

Votes: All Ayes

Motion carried.

B. Creative Sign Permit 97-11 Request Creative Sign for WeHo Lounge

Applicant: Monte Overstreet
Location: 8861 Santa Monica Boulevard
Case Planner: John Chase

Recommendation: Continue to the meeting of July 17, 1997.

C. Report on the Roxbury Club, located at 8225 Sunset Boulevard

Staff: Lisa Heep
Location: 8225 Sunset Boulevard

Recommendation: Direct staff whether to set a revocation/modification hearing.

Ms. Heep presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed:

- night-time parking requirements/grandfathering
- ABC's comments on parking
- business license and parking
- tax assessor' records on square footage
- number of parking spaces
- appeal/application process
- SCUP basis on property
- Steve Strauss' lease
- ownership of liquor license/transfer
- effect of vacancy on life of SCUP

- a. **Margaret Lynch**, Sherman Oaks, owner of property, commented on Roxbury operation, ABC license ownership, uses of the property. The Commission engaged in discussion with Ms. Lynch.
- b. **Bettie Wagner** (given time by Jeanne Dobrin), Los Angeles, commented on problems of the club, Imperial Gardens' licenses and would like the SCUP to be revoked.
- c. **Jimmy Bryant**, Los Angeles, commented that he is upset of another club, problems of noise and would like this site to be used as a restaurant.
- d. **Hubert Braden**, Los Angeles, expressed agreement with Ms. Wagner, and commented on noise and traffic problems.
- e. **Clive Baille**, Los Angeles, commented that he would like the permit to be revoked.
- f. **Gilbert Bell**, West Hollywood, commented on improvements at 8240 Sunset Boulevard, Dublin's and would like similar use to be at this site; would like this permit to be revoked with prejudice.

The Commission discussed:

- dance allowance by City in 1990 and grandfathering rights
- dance/entertainment license for Imperial Gardens
- definition of entertainment

Action: To hold revocation hearing on August 7, 1997.
Motion: Smith Second: DeLuccio
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

The Commission requested that representatives from ABC and City of Los Angeles attend the meeting on August 7, 1997.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Sign Modification 97-26 Request to legalize wall sign.

Applicant: Amir Shirian for Barbara's Place
Location: 7925 Santa Monica Blvd.
Case Planner: Timothy Foy

Recommendation: Accept withdrawn application.

Action: To accept withdrawn application.
Motion: Crowe Second: Behr
Votes: All Ayes Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented on 8981 Sunset Boulevard and its landscaping.

Mr. Chase stated that there the project does not have much landscaping space and that what was conditioned in their permit has been completed.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- a. Commissioner Jones stated that the appointment to the Design Review Subcommittee should be agendaized for the next meeting; the Commission agreed and asked that all subcommittees be agendaized for the next meeting.
- b. Commissioner DeLuccio inquired about whether it was correct that Billboard Live had plans for videogame use. Mr. Reynolds stated that he would investigate.
- c. Commissioner Crowe stated that he would like the new Chair and Vice-Chair to analyze the skills of the Commissioners when making appointments to subcommittees to maximize on their abilities. Ms. Susskind stated that in other Cities, that commissioners who were interested in serving on a subcommittee would let the Chair know of their interest and qualifications.
- d. Commissioner Altschul inquired about the staging area for CSW. Mr. Reynolds stated that the City did not know specifically where the City group would be, but that the staging area was at the intersection of Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Boulevard.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Director's Update - Ray Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented an update on the following:

- MCUP's
- CSW
- PDC
- PC meetings
- Special MCUP hearing

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular Planning Commission on Thursday, July 17, 1997 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

Motion: Crowe

Second: DeLuccio

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF JULY 17, 1997.

CHAIRPERSON: _____



ATTEST:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: _____

