

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 1996

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 Commissioner Fischer.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fischer.

**B. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:

David Behr, Brad Crowe, D'Lynda Fischer,  
Thomas Jones, James Litz, Steve Smith

Staff Present:

Ray Reynolds, Community Development Director;  
Lisa Heep, Planning Manager; John Chase, Urban  
Designer; Tim Foy; Associate Planner; Thinkh Tran,  
Administrative Staff Assistant

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**Action: To approve the Agenda.**

Motion: Crowe

Votes: All Ayes

Second: Behr

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. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

- a. **Stan Lothridge**, West Hollywood, commented about Metropolitan Community Church, and monetary contributions to Council campaigns.
- b. **Roslyn Krause**, West Hollywood, commented on West Hollywood Homeless Shelter.
- c. **Budd Kops**, West Hollywood, commented on staff reports and quality of live for residents.
- d. **Jeanne Dobrin**, West Hollywood, commented on House of Blues (Jim Cafarelli).
- e. **Michael Harabin**, West Hollywood, commented on parking lot at 8737 Beverly Boulevard.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. Minutes, August 15, 1996

**Action:** To approve August 15, 1996 minutes.

**Motion:** Crowe            Second: Smith

**Votes:** All Ayes        Motion carried.

### 4. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR - None

### 5. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

#### A. Sign Permit 96-60

Request Sign Modification to permit second vehicular-oriented sign.

**Applicant:** Will Hawes for City Bean Coffee

**Location:** 8447 Sunset Boulevard

**Case Planner:** John Chase

#### B. Sign Permit 96-64

Request Sign Modification to replace five existing signs with five new signs.

**Applicant:** David Bliss for Hyatt on Sunset

**Location:** 8401 Sunset Boulevard

**Case Planner:** John Chase

**Action:** To approve modifications to Sign Permit 96-60 and Sign Permit 96-64.

**Motion:** Crowe            Second: Smith

**Votes:** All Ayes        Motion carried.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### A. Zone Text Amendment 96-02

Request correct of inconsistencies in Zoning Code, with minor adjustments in permitted uses and other regulations.

**Applicant:** City of West Hollywood

**Location:** City-wide

**Case Planner:** Timothy Foy

**Recommendation:** Continue the hearing to the meeting of September 19, 1996.

**B. Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) - Re-circulated Traffic, Access and Circulation and Alternatives to the Project sections concerning General Plan Amendment 95-03, Zoning Map Amendment 95-01, Demolition Permit 95-03, Development Permit 95-05, Variance 95-06, Conditional Use Permits 96-01 and 95-20, and Minor Conditional Use Permits 95-02, 95-18, and 95-19**

**Applicant:** ARBA Group  
**Location:** 9015 and 9039 Beverly Boulevard and 9014 Rosewood Avenue  
**Case Planner:** Tim Foy  
**Recommendation:** Open the public hearing. After receiving comments, close the public hearing.

Commissioner Fischer recused herself for this public hearing, and is not present from this point forward.

Mr. Foy presented the staff report.

**The following people made comments (in opposition) regarding the DEIR:**

- a. Brian Roskam
- b. Douglas E. Bernard
- c. Adam Faura
- d. Jean Camille Bianic
- e. Budd Kops
- f. Irvin Jaffe
- g. Carlos Veach
- h. Alfred Haber
- i. Roy Wallenstein
- j. Sophia Wallenstein

**The following people presented the Applicant's report:**

- k. Aleks Istanbulu (given time by Ira Smedra)
  - l. John Kaliski (given time by Renee Meshul)
- (Commissioner Smith is not present from this point forward.)**
- m. Arthur Kassan (given time by Rachel Zahavi)
  - n. Mark Brown (given time by Melissa Sweeney)
  - o. Allan Abshez (given time by David A. Alpert)

**The following person made comments regarding the DEIR:**

- p. Simon Pastucha

**The following people presented comment for West Hollywood West Residents Association:**

- q. Donald DeLuccio
- r. Joyce Hundal (given time by Jeanne Dobrin)
- s. Richard Kalek
- t. Dennis Powell
- u. Jean Scherrer
- v. Nina Parkinson (given time by Martin Strudler)
- w. Jay Jasper
- x. Wayne Blankenship
- y. John Callari
- z. Michael Gottfried
- aa. Tom Wilson

- bb. Arnold Steinberg
- cc. Bill Doebler (given time by Janice Farinella)
- dd. Anita Goswami (given time by James Hancock)

Mr. Foy commented that the comment period ends on September 16, 1996.

**Action: To close the public hearing.**

Motion: Crowe      Second: Jones  
Votes: All Ayes      Motion carried.

**7. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

- a. **Donald DeLuccio**, West Hollywood, commented on 8737 Beverly Boulevard, Code Compliance has been more proactive.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Eastside Redevelopment Update - None
- B. Nightclub Council Update - None
- C. Commissioner Crowe commended staff for the publicity given to the Zoning Code revision process.
- D. Commissioner Litz inquired about a subcommittee (not design) regarding the firestation that Nancy Greenstein mentioned to him.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- a. **Director's Update - Ray Reynolds**

The Commission and Mr. Reynolds discussed the issue of a subcommittee to discuss the progress of the House of Blues.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action: To adjourn to a special meeting of the Planning Commission and the City Council on Thursday, September 12, 1996 from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood. The special joint session will then be adjourned to a special Planning Commission meeting immediately following the special joint session.**

Motion: Crowe  
Votes: All Ayes

Second: Behr  
Motion carried.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1996.**

**CHAIRPERSON:** 

**ATTEST:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:** 