

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 1991

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Commissioner Litz at 7:02 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Zaden.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Behr, Clavan, Crowe, Litz, Zaden  
Richmond, Smith

Others Present: Gay Forbes, Director of Community Development; Anne Browning, Planning Manager; Christi Hogin, Assistant City Attorney; Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Acting Social Services Administrator; John Jakupcak, Associate Planner; Bill Meeker, Associate Planner; Tim Gawronski, Urban Designer; David Amorena, Assistant Planner; Craig Rhea, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To pull out the minutes of February 7, 1991; continue V.C (1011 N. Orange Grove) to March 21, 1991; continue V.B (Cultural Resource Designation 90-05) to March 7, 1991; pull out V.D (C.U.P. 90-24); continue VI.C (8950-70 Sunset) to a date uncertain; take up VI.D (Development Permit 90-49) as the first item under Public Hearing, and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Crowe Second: Zaden

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.



Location: 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard

Recommended Action: Approve Development Permit 90-49, subject to finding and conditions contained in draft Resolution No. PC 91-09.

David Amorena presented the staff report.

Although this item is not a public hearing, citizens were allowed to speak on this project.

Daphne Dennis, Acting Social Services Administrator, spoke for the project.

The following spoke against the project:

Mary Worley, West Hollywood  
Norman Chramoff, West Hollywood  
Gloria Vassy, West Hollywood  
Jeffrey Prang, West Hollywood  
Mike Radcliffe, West Hollywood  
Tom Larkin, West Hollywood  
Bruce Traub, West Hollywood  
Tad Bright, West Hollywood  
Donna Saur, West Hollywood  
Effie Reuveni, West Hollywood  
Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood  
Rachelle Smith, West Hollywood  
Harriet Segal, West Hollywood  
Budd Kops, West Hollywood  
Stan Lothridge, West Hollywood  
Rita Guarriello, West Hollywood  
Edward Riney, West Hollywood  
Mark Vandervelden, West Hollywood  
Robert Davis, West Hollywood  
Ron Goins, West Hollywood  
Stephen Martin, West Hollywood  
Christina Babst, West Hollywood

Lester Hirsch, West Hollywood, commented on the project.

The following also spoke for the project:

Lisa Brooks (Women Helping Women), Los Angeles  
Robin Sheiner (Home Safe), Los Angeles  
Ellen Horwitz, Diamond Bar  
Wanda James, Pasadena  
Marie Lee (Child and Family Services), Los Angeles  
Joanne Leipzig (Child and Family Services), Los Angeles  
Mila Tarlo, Los Angeles

Daphne Dennis waived rebuttal but instead answered questions from the Commissioners.

Action: To deny Development Permit 90-49 with the finding that the proposed use is not consistent with recreational uses and the proposed use is inconsistent with the law.

Motion: Smith Second: Behr

Vote: Ayes - Smith, Behr

Noes - Clavan, Zaden, Crowe, Richmond, Litz

Motion failed.

Action: To approve Development Permit 90-49 headstart classroom located in Plummer Park and suggest that the City explore its capital improvement program and other programs including private contributions to come up with the equivalent amount of recreation space which is displaced at Plummer Park by this proposed building.

Motion: Clavan Second: Crowe

Vote: Ayes - Clavan, Zaden, Crowe, Litz

Noes - Behr, Smith, Richmond

Motion carried.

- B. Demolition Permit 90-18, Development Permit 90-23, Conditional Use Permit 90-15 and Tentative Parcel Map 22003 - Request to demolish a single-family residence and construct four condominium units.

Applicant: Jeffrey Lambert

Owner: Samuel Azemoon

Location: 547 N. Sweetzer Avenue

Recommended Action: Continue the public hearing until March 7, 1991, with the consent of the applicant.

Action: To continue to March 21, 1991.

Motion: Smith Second: Clavan

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VI. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider request of Bancorp Development, Inc. for a one-year extension of the expiration date of Resolution No. PC 88-12, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, GRANTING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 87-96 AND DEMOLITION PERMIT 87-36 ON AN APPLICATION OF ERS A GRAE CORPORATION FOR 8775 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."

Recommended Action: Deny request for a one-year time extension.

Tim Gawronski presented the staff report.

The following spoke for the project:

Jeff Lambert, representing the applicant  
Bruce Korman, representing Bancorp Development

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood, spoke against the project.

Jeff Lambert rebutted public testimony.

Action: Approve the extension until December 31, 1991, with the following conditions: that a traffic study be done; neighborhood and speakers be noticed; neighborhood meeting be held; and subject property be cleaned up.

Motion: Behr Second: Clavan

Vote: Ayes - Behr, Zaden, Clavan, Smith

Noes - Richmond, Crowe, Litz

Motion carried.

- B. Consider request of EJM Development Company for a one-year extension of the expiration date of Resolution No. PC 89-23, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 89-29, DEMOLITION PERMIT 88-09, AND VARIANCE 89-02 ON AN APPLICATION OF EJM DEVELOPMENT TO DEMOLISH SIX COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCT TWO MIXED USE BUILDINGS AT 9061 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 9064-74 NEMO STREET."

Recommended Action: Approve request for a one-year time extension.

Bill Meeker presented the staff report.



3. He questioned the signage on Doheny and 7929 Santa Monica Boulevard. The Planning Manager told him that the City Manager has given instructions to have the sign removed.

E. Commissioner Richmond apologized for not attending the City Council meeting when the Rugby Drive project was taken up. He was misinformed about the date.

IX. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. The Planning Manager did the following:

1. Introduced the new Director of Community Development;
2. Commented on a procedure for obtaining Rent Stabilization information concurrent with project review; and
3. Informed the Commission that the upcoming City Council agenda does not include Planning Commission appeal cases.

B. The Director announced that she is looking forward to the study session with the Planning Commission.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, March 7, 1991, at 7:00 P.M., West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Motion: Crowe

Second: Zaden

Vote:

Motion carried.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT