

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 6, 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 7:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Budd Kops.

B. Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Absent: Behr

Others Present: Gay Forbes, Director of Community Development; Anne Browning, Planning Manager; John Jakupcak, Associate Planner; Amy Anderson, Intern; Derek Widdiss, Secretary

C. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To pull Items IV.B.1 AND IV.B.2, continue VII.C to a date uncertain, and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Crowe Second: Richmond

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

D. This agenda was posted at City Hall, Community Development Department counter, West Hollywood Library on San Vicente Boulevard and Plummer Park.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Chairperson

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Action: To approve Resolution No. PC 91-25 as recommended.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

2. Resolution No. PC 91-26, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 91-02 AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE PRESERVATION CHAPTER OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO STREAMLINE THE DESIGNATION PROCESS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES."

Pulled by Commissioner Richmond for minor changes.

Action: Revise Section 6 to read as follows: "The Planning Commission also recommends that an appeal process be made as part of the ordinance and not the permanent text amendment. The purpose of this appeal process is to allow an extended appeal period for those designations already reviewed by the CHAB but not the City Council. The Commission also recommends that the CHAB conduct public hearings for designation decisions and that this be added to Exhibit A of this resolution.

Motion: Richmond Second: Crowe

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

VI. PRESENTATION

Presentation by staff and the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board regarding historic preservation incentives.

Amy Anderson presented a 15-minute staff report and discussion among the Commissioners followed.

Commissioner Clavan requested that staff include this item on the agenda at a future meeting for comments/recommendations from the Commission.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Cultural Resource Designation 90-05 - Request to designate twenty properties as local cultural resources by creating the Old Sherman Thematic Grouping.

Applicant: City of West Hollywood

Owner: Multiple Owners

Location: 8914, 8924 Cynthia Street
825, 829, 858 N. Larrabee Street
927, 931, 950 N. Palm Avenue
837-841, 838-840, 843-845, 847-849,
850, 853, 863, 864, 873, 889, 935,
966-970 N. San Vicente Boulevard

Recommended Action: Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 91-32, recommending the designation of the Old Sherman Thematic Grouping, encompassing the properties known as 8914, 8924 Cynthia Street; 825, 829, 858 N. Larrabee Street; 927, 931, 950 N. Palm Avenue; 837-841, 838-840, 843-845, 847-849, 850, 853, 863, 864, 873, 889, 935, 966-970 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California, as a historic district, and forward this recommendation, with a draft nomination resolution, to the City Council for final action.

Amy Anderson presented the staff report.

Commissioner Litz opened the public hearing.

The following spoke against the designation:

Scott Meehan, Santa Monica
Cezzar Ferrer, West Hollywood
Mark Lehman, West Hollywood
Robbie Jenkins, West Hollywood
Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood
Jose Ortiz, West Hollywood
Soheil Rabbani of Los Angeles, spoke on behalf of a West Hollywood resident, Paul Fredericks

Budd Kops commented on the designation.

Action: To close the public hearing.

Motion: Clavan Second: Smith

Vote: All Ayes Motion carried.

Action: To approve staff recommendation.

Motion: Clavan Second: Smith

Vote: Ayes - Clavan

Noes - Crowe, Litz, Richmond, Smith, Zaden

Motion failed.

Action: To deny designation of a Sherman Thematic District and make negative recommendation to the City Council.

Motion: Smith Second: Crowe

Vote: Ayes - Crowe, Litz, Zaden, Smith

Noes - Clavan, Richmond

Motion carried.

- B. Cultural Resource Designation 90-06 - Consider recommending designation of a coffee shop (Ben-Franks) as a local cultural resource.

Applicant: City of West Hollywood

Owner: Barbara and Abe Krantz

Location: 8585 Sunset Boulevard

Recommended Action: Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 91-31, recommending the designation of the structure, interior and landscaping at 8585 Sunset Boulevard as a local cultural resource, and forward this recommendation with a draft nomination resolution, to the City Council for final action.

John Jakupcak presented the staff report.

Commissioner Litz opened the public hearing.

The following spoke for the designation:

Robert Ehrman, Los Angeles) owners of
Arthur J. Simms, Los Angeles) Ben Frank's

The following spoke against the designation:

Clare Bronowski, representing the owners of Ben Franks
Charlie Mercer, West Hollywood
Barbara Krantz, Rolling Hills Estates (owner of land)

James Mount, Santa Monica, commented on the designation.

- D. Commissioner Litz announced that members of the Design Subcommittee for June are Commissioners Crowe and Smith. Members for the month of July are Commissioners Litz and Richmond.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Anne Browning informed the Commissioners that the Fine Arts Advisory Board will not be able to attend the July retreat. She will try to reschedule and let the Commission know.
- B. Anne Browning also informed the Commission that the appeal which Commissioner Clavan talked about earlier has been withdrawn.

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of Chairperson

Commissioner Litz was elected as Chairperson.

- B. Election of Vice Chairperson

There was a tie between Commissioners Smith and Zaden. Election of Vice Chair was set for June 20th meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

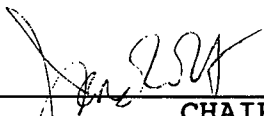
Action: To adjourn to the meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, June 20, 1991, 7:00 p.m., 647 West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Motion:

Second:

Vote: All Ayes

Motion carried.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT