



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2006

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Chair Guardarrama called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:33 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ed Buck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Altschul, Bartolo, DeLuccio, Thompson, Vice-Chair Guardarrama.

Commissioners Absent: Hamaker, Chair D'Amico.

Staff Present: David DeGrazia, Senior Planner, John Keho, Planning Manager, Michael Jenkins, City Attorney, and David Gillig, Commission Secretary.

Acting Chair Guardarrama announced the applicant for Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard; Conditional Use Permit 2006-013) has requested a ninety day continuance.

Acting Chair Guardarrama opened public comment to hear from the public if they support or oppose the requested continuance:

MICHAEL POLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

CONRAD CORRAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

KRISTEN LONNER, LOS ANGELES, representing Westmed Ambulance Services, spoke in support of the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

JAMES ANDERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

STEVE LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

CHARLES FITZER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

ROBERT HAAG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

ALESSANDRO AMORA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

CONRAD CORRAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

IRIS GOULD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

OVEN KILEI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

KLAUDIA MARDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

BRUCE ROBERTSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the requested continuance of Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard).

ACTION: Close public comment. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

Commissioner Altschul stated his support of the requested continuance.

Commissioner Bartolo stated her support of the requested continuance.

Commissioner DeLuccio would like to see a sixty day continuance granted.

ACTION: 1) Continue Agenda Item 9.A. (7237 Santa Monica Boulevard; Conditional Use Permit 2006-013) to Thursday, February 15, 2007. **Moved by Commissioner Altschul, seconded by Acting Chair Guardarrama and passes on a Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: Commissioners Altschul, Bartolo, Thompson, Acting Chair Guardarrama.

NOES: DeLuccio.

ABSENT: Hamaker, Chair D'Amico.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the Planning Commission Agenda of Thursday, November 16, 2006 as amended. **Moved by Commissioner Altschul, seconded by Acting Chair Guardarrama and unanimously carried; noting the abstention of Chair D'Amico.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A. November 2, 2006

ACTION: Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of Thursday, November 2, 2006 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Altschul, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried; noting the abstention of Commissioners Bartolo, DeLuccio and Chair D'Amico.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT.

WILLIAM NEISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, questioned and commented on protocol regarding public comments.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on Westmed Ambulance Services.

BRENT HOROWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on Westmed Ambulance Services and city infrastructure.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on businesses which operate illegally.

HEAVENLY WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on historical preservation and architectural style within the City of West Hollywood.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, questioned and commented on protocol regarding public comments.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on development and the permitting process.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Thompson commented on the public hearing process regarding continuances.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. 7237 Santa Monica Boulevard (Westmed Ambulance).

Conditional Use Permit 2006-013: Applicant is requesting to convert a 3,333 square-foot media production facility to a public service facility which will provide ambulance service for the City of West Hollywood, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

ACTION: 1) Continue to Thursday, February 15, 2007. **Moved by Commissioner Altschul, seconded by Acting Chair Guardarrama and passes on a Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: Commissioners Altschul, Bartolo, Thompson, Acting Chair Guardarrama.

NOES: DeLuccio.

ABSENT: Hamaker, Chair D'Amico.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2007.

ACTION: 1) Approve the following dates as official Planning Commission meetings for calendar year 2007: a) Thursday, January 4, 2007; b) Thursday, January 18, 2007; c) Thursday, February 1, 2007; d) Thursday, February 15, 2007; e) Thursday, March 1, 2007; f) Thursday, March 15, 2007; g) Thursday, April 5, 2007; h) Thursday, April 19, 2007; i) Thursday, May 3, 2007; j) Thursday, May 17, 2007; k) Thursday, June 7, 2007; l) Thursday, June 21, 2007; m) Thursday, July 19, 2007; n) Thursday, August 2, 2007; o) Thursday, August 16, 2007; p) Thursday, September 6, 2007; q) Thursday, September 20, 2007; r) Thursday, October 4, 2007; s) Thursday, October 18, 2007; t) Thursday, November 1, 2007; u) Thursday, November 15, 2007; v) Thursday, December 6, 2007; and 2) Receive and file. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

ACTION: 1) Cancel the following dates for the Planning Commission meetings for calendar year 2007: a) Thursday, July 5, 2007; b) Thursday, December 20, 2007; and 2) Receive and file. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

12. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF.

John Keho, Planning Manager, presented an update on the upcoming Housing Summit with City Council on Monday, December 4, 2006, H & M Retail Clothiers and possible redevelopment regarding the House of Blues site.

Michael Jenkins, City Attorney, reiterated the public hearing process and stated a discussion item will be brought forward by staff regarding public comments at a later date.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the upcoming Housing Summit and encouraged the public to attend.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on Westmed Ambulance Services and recommended the City of West Hollywood utilize the Werle Building for this service.

15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Bartolo commented on the format of the upcoming Housing Summit.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:40 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission, which will be on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR