

ACTION MINUTES

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S HEARING SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, March 9, 2021 --- Meeting Time 5:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Keho, Director, Planning and Development Services Department called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He took the following actions:

A. Approved the Agenda

ACTION: 1) Approve agenda of Tuesday, March 9, 2021. **Moved and approved as presented by John Keho, Director, Planning and Development Services Department.**

B. Reported on the Posting of the Agenda

(The agenda was posted at: City Hall, Plummer Park, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and on-line at www.weho.org)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 10, 2020

ACTION: Approve the Community Development Director's Hearing regular meeting minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2020. **Moved by John Keho, Director, Planning and Development Services Department.**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR.

No Item

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 8919 Santa Monica Boulevard (Gym Sports Bar & Grill)
Laurie Yelton, Associate Planner, provided a verbal presentation and background information, as presented in the staff report dated Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

She stated that the applicant requests approval of a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP 20-0009) and an amendment to an Administrative Permit (APA 20-0005) to allow the on-site sales, service, and consumption of a full range of alcoholic beverages (ABC Type 47) incidental to food service within an existing 2,187-square-foot restaurant space and expansion of the existing 250-square-foot outdoor dining patio (Gym Sports Bar & Grill).

Mark Lehman, spoke for the Applicant. He asked that condition 4.24 be removed from the resolution.

John Keho asked about the addition of televisions and the affect it would have on clientele.

Rick Schmutzler, Managing Business Owner, explained the business mission statement and operations as a sports bar with food service. He described the television set up and stated that the business is not typically a nightclub. He stated that they expect to attract a clientele that would see them as a "Starter Bar"

John Keho asked about the use of early hours of alcohol service.

Rick Schmutzler said that the early hours were requested in order to avoid having to request special permits for special sporting events that occur in early in the morning due to different time zones around the world. He stated that the business would typically open at 10:00 AM during football season.

Andrew Brooks, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendations.

Victor Omelczenko, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendations and Historic designation of the site.

Jake Mason, APPLICANT, spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendations.

Genevieve Morrill, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendations.

Susana Mills, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of staff recommendations.

John Keho, directed that condition 4.24 be removed from the resolution.

ACTION: Adopt Draft Resolution No. CD 21-260: **A RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE EXISTING OUTDOOR DINING AREA AND A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF FULL ALCOHOL INCIDENTAL TO FOOD SERVICE FOR A NEW RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 8919 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA (GYM SPORTS BAR & GRILL) as amended.**

5. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.

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- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** *The Planning and Development Services Department Director adjourned to a regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM** at West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard West Hollywood, California 90069.*

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

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JOHN REHO, DIRECTOR
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ATTEST:

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT