



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

*Monday, September 26, 2005*

City of West Hollywood, City Hall, Community Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, California

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Hahn called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:04 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Azar, Castro, Hahn, Joyce, Felchlin.

Commissioners Absent: Yeber

Staff Present: Terry Blount – Associate Planner & Staff Liaison  
Rachel Heiligman – Assistant Planner  
Amber Hawkes – Historic Preservation Intern  
Brendan Rome – Commission Secretary.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Monday, September 26, 2005 as presented.  
**Motion by Commissioner Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Castro and unanimously carried.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approve the Minutes of:

**A.** August 22, 2005

Commissioner Castro notated an error in the minutes of Monday, August 22, 2005: 1) a recording error in Item 15 has been indicated as “**Motion by Commission Credle, seconded by Vice-Chair Yeber and unanimously carried.**” but should be recorded as “**Chair Hahn adjourned the meeting without objection.**”

**ACTION:** Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Monday, August 22, 2005 as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and unanimously carried.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**7. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:**

**A. DEMOLITION PERMIT (DMP-005-007)  
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (DVP-005-011)  
MODIFICATION PERMIT (MOD-005-007)  
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP (TTM-005-004):**

REQUEST TO DEMOLISH THREE DWELLING UNITS AND CONSTRUCT A FOUR-STORY, SEVEN-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AT 8265 FOUNTAIN AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

**Applicant:** S.C.R. LLC (Abayeth Mikyas)

**Location:** 8265 Fountain Ave

Rachel Heiligman, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report. She detailed the project in relation to the nearby designated Cultural Resource and requested the Historic Preservation Commission provide comments of compatibility of the project to the Planning Commission.

JULIA THOMAS, LOS ANGELES, member of the architect design team spoke of the complimentary relationship the team attempted.

MICHAEL BOBROW, LOS ANGELES, member of the architect design team made a presentation of the project.

Discussion was held regarding the recessed heights, materials to be used, the intended landscaping, the pedestrian passages, and the lack of street trees.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA-005-014):**

REQUEST TO ADD A NEW ENTRY CANOPY AT THE MAIN HISTORIC ENTRANCE, COMPLETE RELATED MINOR LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE MODIFICATIONS, AND ALTER THE ENTRANCE TO THE FENIX RESTAURANT AT THE ARGYLE HOTEL, A DESIGNATED CULTURAL RESOURCE, LOCATED AT 8358 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

**Applicant:** Edward S. Levin

**Location:** 8358 Sunset Blvd

Amber Hawkes, Planning Intern, presented the Staff Report. She detailed the history of prior canopies and provided a sample of the canvas intended to be used with the new canopy. She reminded the Commission the "Fenix Restaurant" structure is not part of the Designated Cultural Resource.

Commissioner Danny Castro disclosed he knows the architect of this project professionally but this would not affect his decision making.

EDWARD LEVIN, West Hollywood spoke of the new canopy and the team's attempt to make the canopy the least intrusive possible. He also stated they are attempting to relieve confusion of the current look of double entries by adding the canopy, altering the stairs from the restaurant structure and adding a 54" planter wall with vines to reflect a "green wall".

JEFF KLEIN, West Hollywood, owner of the site stated he was present to address any questions the Commission may have.

**ACTION:** Close public testimony for Item 8.A. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

Discussion was held regarding the new look of the entrance, the overall front façade, the color of the canopy and current traffic conditions.

**Commissioner Felchlin motioned to approve the staff report and add a modification: 1) the canopy shall be simplified (i.e have no scallops in the design).**

**Commissioner Joyce seconded the motion.**

**ACTION:** 1) approve the application and 2) adopt Resolution No. HPC 05-61: "A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) 2005-014 TO ADD A NEW ENTRY CANOPY AT THE MAIN HISTORIC ENTRANCE, COMPLETE RELATED MINOR LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE MODIFICATIONS, DEMOLISH THE NON-HISTORIC ENTRY CANOPY, DOOR AND STAIRS AT THE 1989 BUILDING ADDITION (THE FENIX RESTAURANT) AND MODIFY THIS NON-HISTORIC ENTRY, STAIRS, AND DOOR, ALL AT THE DESIGNATED CULTURAL RESOURCE LOCATED AT 8358 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA". **Motion by Commissioner Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and unanimously carried.**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **A. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOVEMBER 2005 MEETING:**

Discussion was held regarding the time requirements for the only item slated to be heard on the November Agenda.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed possibilities of rescheduling the November 28, 2005 meeting and took no action without objection.

**B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 2005 MEETING:**

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed possibilities of rescheduling the December 26, 2005 meeting.

**ACTION: Tabled to next meeting by consensus of the Commission.**

**C. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Chair Hahn asked for volunteers for the Historic Preservation Commission Design Review Subcommittee.

**ACTION: Chair Hahn appointed Commissioner Azar, Commissioner Felchlin and Commissioner Castro to the Historic Preservation Commission Design Review Subcommittee.**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. WEST HOLLYWOOD ANTHOLOGY:**

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission City of West Hollywood Anthology Subcommittee updated the Commission on their progress.

**B. HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE:**

Staff Liaison Terry Blount updated the Historic Preservation Commission on the ongoing project of the Historic Resources Survey Update.

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**A. UPCOMING PROJECTS:**

Staff Liaison Terry Blount updated the Historic Preservation Commission on projects slated to appear before the Commission.

**B. ANNUAL CONGRESS OF COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:**

Chair Hahn reminded everyone of the Annual Congress on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005**. Invitations should already have been received.

Discussion was held on the many outstanding accomplishments of the Commission over the last year and goals for the next year that will be emphasized at the Congress. Discussion was held about trivia questions and answers to provide to the Congress.

**C. COMMISSIONER TRAINING:**

Staff Liaison Terry Blount updated the Historic Preservation Commission on the progress of the future training sessions.

**12. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Discussion was held regarding the vacant position on the Commission and resources to recruit applicants.

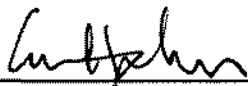
Commissioner Felchlin requested an item agendaized for the next meeting, regarding the appointment of new members to the West Hollywood Anthology Subcommittee.

Chair Hahn asked staff if The Historic Preservation Plan and General Plan Element (1998) still exists. Staff Liaison Terry Blount indicated it is the most current document and it is still used present day. Commissioners requested The Historic Preservation Plan and General Plan Element (1998) in hard-copy and electronic form for their records.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Hahn adjourned the meeting without objection. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:07 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, which will be on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at Plummer Park, Room 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY