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**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday, May 1, 2025**

**Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California**

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Land Acknowledgement:

“The West Hollywood Planning Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”

**NOTE: Any agenda item which has not been initiated by 10:30 P.M. may be continued to a subsequent Planning Commission Agenda.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
*SUBJECT: The Planning Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Planning Commission meetings.*  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the draft verbatim minutes of:  
  
**A. April 3, 2025**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
This time, limited to a maximum of twenty (20) minutes, has been set aside for the public to address the Planning Commission on any item that is not set for public hearing or any item that is not on tonight's agenda. In accordance with the Brown Act, public comment relating to business not appearing on the agenda cannot be acted upon or discussed by the Commission during the meeting but may be referred to staff for report on a future agenda, ordered received and filed, or referred to the proper department for administrative resolution. Staff requests that all persons wishing to address the Commission fill out a Speaker's Slip and give it to the Commission Secretary prior to speaking. The Commission requests that when you begin speaking you state your name and the name of the city where you reside. Individuals may address the Commission for up to three (3) minutes each unless the Commission determines a different time limit.
- 7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 8. CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, SECTION I  
PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:** None.

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS, SECTION II  
OTHER ITEMS THAT REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE LAW:**

**A. 8451 MELROSE AVENUE**

**APPEAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

*SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an Appeal of the Director of Community Development's approval of an amendment to a minor conditional use permit and administrative permit to allow the expansion of an existing rooftop dining area with on-site incidental sales, service, and consumption of full alcohol for a new restaurant, located at 8451 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood, California.*

**Recommendation:** 1) Continue to Thursday, June 5, 2025.

**B. 852 WEST KNOLL DRIVE:**

*SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request to subdivide a four-story, six-unit residential building with 14 subterranean parking spaces into a common interest development, located at 852 West Knoll Drive, West Hollywood, California.*

**Applicant:** Guy Benshushan

**Staff:** Chad Brown, Associate Contract Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Approve the application, and 2) Adopt draft Resolution No. PC. 25-1603 adopting a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section §15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) and approving a tentative tract map (Major Land Division No. 77113) for the subdivision of a four-story, six-unit residential building with 14 subterranean parking spaces into a common interest located at 852 West Knoll Drive, West Hollywood, California.

**C. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT**

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SITES AND SERVICE STATIONS:**

*SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed zone text amendment to designate Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Sites and Electric Vehicle (EV) Service Stations as a primary use in designated commercial zones, West Hollywood, California.*

**Applicant:** City of West Hollywood

**Staff:** Christine Shen, Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** 1) Adopt draft Resolution No. PC 25-1599 of the Planning Commission of the City of West Hollywood recommending to the City Council approval of an ordinance adopting an amendment to Title 19, Zoning Ordinance of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, to designate Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Sites and Electric Vehicle (EV) Services Stations as a primary use in designated commercial zones, West Hollywood, California, and finding the action exempt from CEQA, West Hollywood, California.

- 11. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- 12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
- 13. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 14. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

- A. **Planning Manager's Update.**

- B. **Subcommittee Management.**

*SUBJECT: This time has been set aside for commissioners serving on standing subcommittees to report any scheduled absences or conflicts of interest that would prevent them from being present at an upcoming subcommittee meeting. If more than two subcommittee members cannot be present at a meeting, the Chair may reschedule the time or date of the meeting or change the composition of the subcommittee to ensure a quorum can be present.*

- 15. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This time has been set aside for members of the public who were unable to address the Commission during the twenty-minute public comment period provided in Agenda Item No. 6. The same rules set forth under Agenda Item No. 6 apply.

- 16. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Planning Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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### **TO PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON:**

The Planning Commission public meeting, commission members, city staff, and members of the public will participate in Council Chambers located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069. Members of the public have the option to participate via teleconference using the Zoom platform. The meeting may also be viewed on various platforms. Please visit [www.weho.org/wehotv](http://www.weho.org/wehotv) for all the viewing options.

- [Speaker Request Form](#)      [Citizen Position Slip](#) (in lieu of speaking)

### **TO PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE OR AN E-COMMENT:**

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Planning Commission are strongly encouraged to submit an Email to [pcpubliccomments@weho.org](mailto:pcpubliccomments@weho.org) or use the E-Comment form located at: <https://www.weho.org/city-government/wehotv> **no later than 12:00 p.m.** on the Planning Commission meeting day.

*Note: E-Comments received by 12:00 p.m. will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website as part of the official meeting record. Your comments and information will become part of the official public record. If you do not want your personal information included in the official record, please do not include your address and/or phone number.*

### **TO PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELEPHONE:**

(Please note: This option is to provide public comment via phone ONLY)

1. **You are required to register to speak** via Zoom by emailing your name, the phone number from which you will be calling, and which item(s) you would like to speak on to [pcpubliccomments@weho.org](mailto:pcpubliccomments@weho.org) **no later than 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the Planning Commission meeting to be added to the Zoom Public Speaker List. You may also utilize the [Speaker Request Form](#).
2. Dial-in 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)  
Dial in Code: \*6 = unmute.  
Dial in Code: \*9 = lets the host know you want to speak on the current item

**Meeting I.D. You must register in advance via:**

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\*Zoom credentials will be forwarded to the email address you provide the afternoon of the meeting.

Planning Commission staff cannot respond to emails during the meeting. This means that email and text message requests made to speak by phone on additional agenda items during the meeting cannot be accommodated during the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND RULES OF DECORUM:**

The Planning Commission values your comments and acknowledges the right of the public to address issues that are within the City's jurisdiction and invites the public to do so during the Planning Commission meeting. However, this public participation must be balanced with the need of the Planning Commission to conduct the public's business in a fair and efficient manner, free from disruption or disturbance.

The City offers multiples ways for the public to participate during the meeting. During the first Public Comment section of the agenda, any member of the public may address the Planning Commission on items not appearing on the agenda. Comments concerning other items on the agenda will be heard at the time the item is considered during the course of the meeting; however, they may be offered at this time if a member of the public cannot be in attendance later in the evening. Members of the public may also comment upon any other item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission at this time, or later in the meeting under the second Public Comment period.

The City expects that everyone who participates in the meeting will do so with respect and dignity. Please refrain from using abusive, derogatory, and slanderous language, or behaving in a way that disrupts the meeting.

Speakers should not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement and/or writing materials.

Speakers and any other members of the public may not approach the dais at any time during the meeting without prior consent from the Chair. Speakers may only speak once on any agenda item. Donating public comment time to others is prohibited.

Members of the audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening, or abusive language, whistling, stamping of feet or other acts which disturb, disrupt, impede, or otherwise render the orderly conduct of the Planning Commission meeting unfeasible. Persons in the audience should refrain from creating, provoking, or participating in any type of unwelcome physical contact.

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**For additional information** on any item on the posted agenda, please contact Doug Vu, Acting Manager, Current and Historic Preservation Planning ([dvu@weho.org](mailto:dvu@weho.org)) (323) 848-6318, or Francisco J. Contreras, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager ([fcontreras@weho.org](mailto:fcontreras@weho.org)) 323-848-6874.

<b>UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE 2025</b> APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
June 5	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
June 19	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	Cancelled

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

To contact Planning Commissioners, please forward your request to:  
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Erick J. Matos, Commissioner  
Andrew Solomon, Commissioner

### **STAFF**

Nicholas P. Maricich, Director, Community Development Department  
Jennifer Alkire, AICP, Assistant Director, Community Development Department  
Francisco Contreras, AICP, Long Range Planning Manager (LRP)  
Doug Vu, Acting Planning Manager (CHPP)

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### **CONTACT | PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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## AGENDA POLICIES

*The Planning Commission considers a range of requests for development permits, appeals, and planning policy matters, and conducts public hearings on many of its agenda items. Due to the number, complexity and public interest associated with many agenda items, meetings of the Planning Commission are generally lengthy. The Planning Commission makes every effort to proceed as expeditiously as possible; your patience and understanding is appreciated.*

**REQUEST TO SPEAK** on an item must be submitted on a Speakers Request Form and submitted to the Planning Commission Secretary. All requests to address the Planning Commission on Public Hearings items must be submitted prior to the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** items will be acted upon by the Planning Commission at one time without discussion unless a Planning Commissioner pulls a specific item for discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS PROCEDURES** on each Public Hearing item include presentation of a staff report; Planning Commission questions of staff; a ten (10) minute presentation by the project applicant or applicant's representative or team, if any; Planning Commission questions of the applicant; three (3) minutes for each member of the public wishing to speak to the item; five (5) minutes for the project applicant to respond to the public or clarify issues raised by the public; Planning Commission deliberations and decisions. To facilitate a fair and proper hearing the Chair or Commission may lengthen or shorten the time allotted per speaker on a particular agenda item based on the number of persons in attendance wishing to speak or the complexity of the matter under consideration.

**PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** should begin with the speaker stating his or her name and city of residence, followed by a statement regarding the item under consideration. Please speak to the Planning Commission as a whole.

**PROFESSIONALS APPEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION** should clearly identify their status, such as "attorney", "paralegal", "architect", "designer", or "landscape architect". Instances of misrepresentation of professional status may be referred to the City Attorney for possible prosecution.

**LETTERS OR WRITTEN MATERIALS** regarding agenda items may be submitted to the City Planning Division staff prior to or at the Planning Commission meeting; written materials submitted at least eight (8) days in advance of the meeting will be included in the Planning Commission's meeting packet. Materials submitted after the deadline may be difficult for the Planning Commission to adequately review.

**ASSIGNING OF TIME** is not permitted.

**ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION** on most matters occurs with the affirmative votes of at least four (4) Planning Commissioners.

## APPEAL PROCEDURES

Any final determination by the Planning Commission may be appealed, and such appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the Planning Commission action. This appeal shall be made in written form to the City Clerk's Office, accompanied by an appeal fee or required number of signatures.

The City Clerk, upon filing of said appeal, will set petition for a public hearing before the City of West Hollywood's City Council at the earliest date.

If you challenge any City of West Hollywood decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described on this agenda, or in a written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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