

ACTION MINUTES

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S HEARING MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 --- Meeting Time 5:00 PM
West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY ACCESSING THE ARCHIVED RECORDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR'S HEARING MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/city-government/city-clerk AND SELECTING ACCESS CITY RECORDS.

Land Acknowledgment: "The City of West Hollywood 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."

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nicholas P. Maricich, Director, Community Development Department called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Staff Present: Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner; Korina Arvizu, Assistant Planner; and Gabriele Gonzales, Commission Secretary.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Director Maricich.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: 1) Approve agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2024. **Moved and approved as presented by Nicholas P. Maricich, Director, Community Development Department**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 8, 2024

ACTION: Approve the Community Development Director's Hearing regular meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 8, 2024. **Moved and approved minutes by Nicholas P. Maricich, Director, Community Development Department**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 8451 MELROSE AVENUE

Nicholas P. Maricich, Director of the Community Development Department, disclosed for the record that he had no discussions with staff, the applicant, or the public regarding this item.

Korina Arvizu, Assistant Planner from the Current and Historic Preservation Planning Division, provided a presentation, as presented in the staff report. She provided information on the property and the requested amendment to the minor conditional use permit and the administrative permit. She detailed the applicant's request, along with staff's recommended conditions of approval.

She also noted that there was a complaint regarding trash bins in the alley and lack of a trash enclosure on site. The site staff and business owner were advised of the complaint and the requirement to comply with approved plans. Code Compliance was made aware and is monitoring the site.

Tyler Makhani of Avondale Equities , on behalf of the applicant, briefly spoke on the project, the amendment and the excitement of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Akhtarzad, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on issues with the trash enclosure and the cleanliness of the trash area for the restaurant.

Applicant acknowledges to address the complaint and to not have a continuance of the requested approval of the subject item, but to approve the proposed application request.

Staff stated that the trash issue will be addressed in the process for approval of the temporary occupancy certificate due to the general standards guidelines.

Nicholas P. Maricich, Director of the Community Development Department, inquired with staff to identify the trash enclosure from the prior conditions.

Korina Arvizu and Antonio Castillo responded to Director Maricich's inquiry.

ACTION: Close the public comment portion of the public hearing for Item 6.A.

ACTION: 1) Approve staff's recommendation of approval; 2) **Adopt Resolution No. CD 25-281 as presented:** Draft Resolution No. CD 25-281: "A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND AN AMENDMENT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF FULL ALCOHOL INCIDENTAL TO FOOD SERVICE FOR THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ROOFTOP DINING AREA FROM 600 SQUARE FEET TO 2,433 SQUARE FEET FOR A RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 8451 MELROSE AVENUE ("CUCINA ALBA"), INCLUDING A FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CLASS 3 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION TO A RESTAURANT (14 CCR §15303)." (EXHIBIT A).

Moved by Community Development Director Nicholas P. Maricich and carries as presented.

The Community Development Director has approved Resolution No. CD 25-281 for the property located 8451 Melrose Avenue and this memorializes the Director's final action on this matter. This action is subject to appeal to the Planning Commission. Appeals must be submitted within ten calendar days from this date to the City Clerk's office. Appeals must be in writing and accompanied by the required fees. The City Clerk's office can provide appeal forms and information about waiver of fees. Deadline to file an Appeal on this decision is **Friday, February 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

7. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public Comment.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** *The Community Development Director adjourned to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM at West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room – 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.*

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS
13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Signed by:

Nicholas P. Maricich

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NICHOLAS P. MARICICH, DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Antonio Castillo

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