



**WEST HOLLYWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Thursday, May 5, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

**Regular Meeting at
West Hollywood Park Auditorium
647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. OATH OF OFFICE.

The Oath of Office will be administered to Lauren Meister, appointed by Councilmember John D'Amico for a term ending May 31, 2013.

4. ROLL CALL

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Planning Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, May 5, 2011.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The Planning Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Planning Commission meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of:

A. April 21, 2011

7. 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.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. 692 N. Robertson Boulevard (The Abbey):

Applicant is requesting an intensification of use from restaurant to bar/nightclub with dancing, for the property located at 692 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: David Cooley

Planner: Jennifer Alkire, Associate Planner

Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 11-968, conditionally approving a Development Permit and Conditional Use Permit and amending a Parking Use Permit, for the property located at 692 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

B. 8948 Santa Monica Boulevard (Bar Varsity):

Applicant is requesting to demolish an existing structure in order to construct a new 5,212 square-foot bar/nightclub with full alcohol service, 1,604 square-foot outdoor dining and off-site parking, for the property located at 8948 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Samaha Associates

Planner: Michael Barney, Assistant Planner

Recommendation: 1) Approve the application; 2) Adopt Resolution No. PC 11-961, conditionally approving Conditional Use Permit, Demolition Permit, Development Permit and Parking Use Permit, for the property located at 8948 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

C. 8335 Sunset Boulevard:

Applicant is requesting to replace an existing double-sided roof mounted billboard with a larger double-sided pole mounted billboard, for the property located at 8335 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Edge Outdoor Media

Planner: David DeGrazia, Senior Planner

Recommendation: 1) Continue to a date uncertain.

11. NEW BUSINESS. None.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. 1019 N. San Vicente Boulevard:

Remanded back to the Planning Commission by City Council for re-design comments of a previously approved condominium project located at 1019 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

Applicant: Amit Apel (Apel Designs)

Planner: Laurie Yelton, Associate Planner

Recommendation: 1) Provide re-design comments to City Council.

13. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR. None.

14. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Planning Manager's Update

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

17. ADJOURNMENT. The Planning Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, May 19, 2011** beginning at 6:30 P.M. until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE				
Date	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
May 19	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
June 2	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
June 16	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 7	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
July 21	Thursday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

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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 (in order to facilitate the meeting, the Chair may lengthen or shorten the three (3) minute period for all speakers on a particular agenda item based on the number of persons in attendance wishing to speak or the complexity of the matter under consideration) 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.

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.

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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 Clerks 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.