

**WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010, 4:30 P.M.
HENRY MEDINA WEST L.A. PARKING ENFORCEMENT FACILITY
11214 W. EXPOSITION BOULEVARD, SECOND FLOOR, ROLL CALL ROOM
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90064**

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EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STAFF.

POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEM No(s) 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. All requests to address the Commission on public hearing items must be submitted prior to the Commission's consideration of the item.

TIME SEGMENTS noted * herein are approximate. Some items may be delayed due to length of discussion of previous items.

To ensure that the Commission has ample opportunity to review written materials, all concerned parties who wish to submit written materials on agendized items should submit them to the Commission Office, 200 North Spring Street, Room 272, Los Angeles, 90012, at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the item is to be heard, in order to meet the mailing deadline. *Note: Materials received after the mailing deadline will be placed in the official case file.*

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Policies and Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case.

AGENDAS are posted for public review in the Main Street lobby of City Hall East, 200 No. Main Street, Los Angeles, California, and are accessible through the Internet World Wide Web at <http://www.lacity.org/pln/index.htm>.

In the case of a Commission meeting cancellation, all items shall be continued to the next regular meeting date or beyond, as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agendized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

GLOSSARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERMS:

CEQA - Calif. Environmental Quality Act
EIR - Environmental Impact Report

ND - Negative Declaration
MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration
CE - Categorical Exemption

1. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

A. Items of interest

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Advance Calendar

B. Commission Request

C. Approval of the minutes from February 3, 2010

3. **APCW-2009-2142-SPE**

CEQA: ENV-2009-2143-ND

Plan: Venice

Council District: 11

Expiration Date: 2/27/10

Appeal Status: Further appealable to City Council

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2009

CONTINUED DUE TO A FAILURE TO ACT BY THE COMMISSION - FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Project Location: 709 S. 5th Avenue

Project: To reduce the height of an existing 2-story, 33 feet 4 inches high, 3 unit apartment building to a maximum of 32 feet high. The project is located on a 5,670 square foot site classified in the RD1.5 Zone and also located within the Oakwood subarea of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

A Specific Plan Exception, pursuant to Section 11.5.7 F 1(f) of the Municipal Code, from section 10 G.3.a of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 175,693) to permit a 32 feet high building in which no portion of the roof is set back from the required front yard in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 25 feet for projects with a Flat Roof and/or a maximum permitted height of 30 feet for projects with a Varied Roofline provided that any portion of the roof exceeding 25 feet is set back from the required front yard at least one foot in depth for every foot in height above 25 feet, and adopt the environmental clearance Negative Declaration ENV-2009-2143-ND.

APPLICANT: Mark A. Baez

Representatives: Alicia Bartley and Fred Gaines, Gaines and Stacey, LLP

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. **Disapprove** a Specific Plan Exception to permit the construction of a residential project with a height of 32 Feet.
2. **Adopt** the attached Findings.
3. **Adopt** Negative Declaration No. ENV-2009-2143-ND.

Staff: Kevin Jones (213) 978-1172

4. **DIR-2008-5006-BSA-1A**

Plan: West Los Angeles
Council District: 5
Expiration Date: 2/23/10
Appeal Status: Not further appealable

PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 1333 South Westwood Boulevard

Requested Actions:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.26 - K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, which found that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety erred in the issuance of Permit No. 07048 – 10000 - 02285 for the conversion of an off-site sign; and that **2)** Building and Safety erred by failing to refer, to Community Planning Bureau of the Department of City Planning, the issue of whether the conversion of the static sign to a Digital Display sign violated the Westwood Boulevard Pedestrian Overlay District ("POD"), and therefore approved the appeal, and finding the Building and Safety environmental clearance inadequate.

APPLICANT: CBS Outdoor, Inc., Chris Steinbaucher Vice President of Real Estate,
Western Division
Representative: Laura W. Brill; Kendall, Brill, and Kleiger, LLP

APPELLANT: Same

Recommended Actions:

Deny the appeal; **Sustain** the Zoning Administrator's decision and find that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety erred in the issuance of Permit No. 07048 – 10000 - 02285 for the conversion of an off-site sign, and that **2)** Building and Safety erred by failing to refer, to Community Planning Bureau of the Department of City Planning, the issue of whether the conversion of the static sign to a Digital Display sign violated the Westwood Boulevard Pedestrian Overlay District ("POD"), and find the Building and Safety environmental clearance inadequate.

Staff: Al Landini (213) 369-0552

5. **DIR-2008-5008-BSA-1A**

Plan: West Los Angeles
Council District: 5
Expiration Date: 2/23/10
Appeal Status: Not further appealable

PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 2131 South Westwood Boulevard

Requested Actions:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.26 - K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, which found that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety erred in the issuance of Building Permit 07048-10000-00251, and that **2)** Building and Safety erred by failing to refer, to Community Planning Bureau of the Department of City Planning, the issue of whether the conversion of the static sign to a Digital Display sign violated the Westwood/Pico Neighborhood Oriented District, and therefore approved the appeal, and finding the Building and Safety environmental clearance inadequate.

APPLICANT: Clear Channel, Inc., Greg McGrath, President, Los Angeles Division
Representative: Laura W. Brill; Kendall, Brill, and Kleiger, LLP

APPELLANT: Same

Recommended Actions:

Deny the appeal; **Sustain** the Zoning Administrator's decision and find that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety erred in the issuance of Building Permit 07048 – 10000 - 00251, and that **2)** Building and Safety erred by failing to refer, to Community Planning Bureau of the Department of City Planning, the issue of whether the conversion of the static sign to a Digital Display sign violated the Westwood/Pico Neighborhood Oriented District, and hereby approve the appeal, and find the Building and Safety environmental clearance inadequate.

Staff: Al Landini (213) 369-0552

6. DIR-2008-5009-BSA-1A

Plan: Westwood
Council District: 5
Expiration Date: 2/23/10
Appeal Status: Not further appealable

PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 10333 West Santa Monica Boulevard

Requested Actions:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.26 - K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code which found that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety did not err in the issuance of Building Permit 07048 – 10000 - 00251, and that **2)** Building and Safety did not err as there is no Corridor Plan for Santa Monica Boulevard, a Scenic Highway, or other overlay which would direct Building and Safety to require a sign - off from the Department of City Planning, and finding the Building and Safety environmental clearance adequate.

APPLICANT: Gene M. Elliot, Clear Channel, Inc.
Representative: Laura W. Brill; Kendall, Brill, and Kleiger, LLP

APPELLANTS: 1) Barbara Broide Westwood South of Santa Monica Boulevard
Homeowners Association
2) Jan Reichmann, President, Comstock Hills Homeowners Association
3) Dennis Hathaway, President, Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight

Recommended Actions:

Deny the appeal; **Sustain** the Zoning Administrator's decision and find that **1)** the Department of Building and Safety did not err in the issuance of Building Permit 07048 - 10000 - 00251, and that **2)** Building and Safety did not err as there is no Corridor Plan for Santa Monica Boulevard, a Scenic Highway, or other overlay which would direct Building and Safety to require a sigh-off from the Department of City Planning, and find the Building and Safety environmental clearance adequate.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Area Planning Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission. (This requirement is in addition to any other hearing required or imposed by law.) Persons making requests are encouraged to do so in writing and should submit 10 copies to the area planning commission for its consideration. Persons wishing to speak must submit a speaker's request form prior to the commencement of the public comment period. Individual testimony within the public comment period shall be limited to up to five (5) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject.

The next regular meeting of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
will be held at **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010** at:

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