

**JOINT MEETING OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL AND THE  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 19, 1999  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman and Commissioner Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers - Koretz, Martin, Prang and Mayor Heilman.  
Commissioners - Claven, Gold, Zaden, Hahn, Siegel, and Sachs.  
Commissioner Pinkus arrived at 6:10 P.M.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Guarriello.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Manager, Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, City Manager Makinney, City Clerk Thompson and Assistant City Clerk Bell.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda as presented. By a consensus of the City Council and Commissioners.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. GREENING WEST HOLLYWOOD ACTION PLAN**

Commissioner Gold provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 19, 1999.

Mayor Heilman commented that the Recreational Needs Assessment needs to be completed before some of the suggestions can be implemented.

Councilmember Martin stated that the laundry list should be broken down to see what is practical for the present.

Councilmember Koretz stated that he liked the workplan but the timetable for some items is unrealistic.

Commissioner Gold stated that the Commission wants to be comprehensive and focus on the items which are realistic.

Councilmember Martin suggested that the discussion be tabled.

Mayor Heilman stated that there needs to be more outreach to accomplish some of the items. He stated that the priority is to get the two parks in shape and then move on to how to expand greenspace in West

Hollywood. He stated that this is the element of the General Plan. He stated that it is crucial to have outreach to our larger park users, the Russian community.

Councilmember Koretz stated that some of the smaller projects will do more aesthetically to the City. He stated that revisiting the Master Plan for Plummer Park is foremost on the list of priorities.

## **B. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM**

Commissioner Gold suggested that there be a designated Real Estate Asset Coordinator. He further suggested that there be an investigation to see if the real estate needs are being met and then make a recommendation to the Council if a need be there to hire a person.

Commissioner Gold stated that the Commission would like to study the feasibility of public restrooms and determine the feasibility of public real estate in addition to the park restrooms. He also mentioned the on going projects of a dog park, City Council Chambers and the library.

Mayor Heilman stated that there is a plan for the City Council to have a study session to prioritize the things on the wish lists in September or October.

Mayor Heilman stated that realistically there will not be many locations in the City for more public restrooms.

Mayor Heilman stated that staffing should be a City Council purview.

Mayor Heilman stated that the greening of West Hollywood plan overlaps with the master plan of the parks.

## **C. CITY HALL LOBBY DESIGN**

City Hall Lobby Design Bud Claven provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 19, 1999.

Mayor Heilman stated that his recollection of direction to the commission was to make the lobby more comfortable with furnishings not a redesign.

Sam Baxter stated that it began as making the lobby more user assessable however there were concerns regarding safety, displaying art and other observations that the Commission made.

Commissioner Claven stated that changing the furniture was not adequate to the problems that exist with the lobby as it is now.

Commissioner Siegel stated that there was a presentation given with Mayor Pro Tem Prang present, but no formal presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Prang stated that the commission has gone beyond the direction of the City Council when his vision was to remove the statues in the lobby and not spend thousands of dollars to renovate the lobby.

Mr. Baxter stated that it would cost \$185,000 to implement the design as it is and there is \$75,000 available now.

Mayor Heilman stated that the security problems could be handled with a video camera and Council's direction was to make the lobby more comfortable with furnishings and security. Relocating the kitchen is not a high priority of the community or the Council.

Commissioner Gold stated that the plan was almost completely done a volunteer basis.

**D. POLICY OF NAMING AND RENAMING CITY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

Commissioner Gold suggested that the name "City of West Hollywood", be put on all public facilities to recognize and emphasis cityhood.

Commissioner Hahn also stated that the naming "City of West Hollywood" would also be there for all times.

Mayor Heilman stated that he would like to have more detailed guidelines.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that King's Park is great. She asked if the commission had thought about getting Plummer House back and she further stated that any facilities taken over would reduce taxes. She also suggested naming a building after Lester Burg.

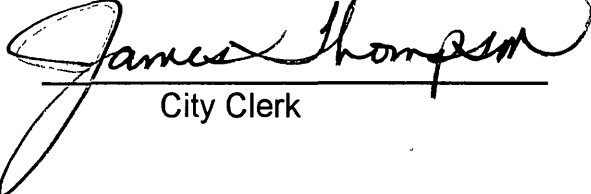
**COUNCILMEMBER AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council and the Public Facilities Commission adjourned at 7:20 P.M. to a Closed Session followed by their Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk