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HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLUM COMMITTEE MEETING

February 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Directions: East of N. Fairfax Ave and West of N. La Brea Ave of Hollywood Blvd. Building is accessible and free parking is available behind the building.

HHWNC's PLUM committee meeting will be held in the library's community room, which is just off the lobby entrance. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be over at or before 8 p.m.

The PLUM committee consists of HHWNC's 1st vice president, and the chairs of the following issue committees: transportation, business, infrastructure, housing and environment. In addition, the area chair for any agenda item's site will have a vote on the PLUM committee for that agenda item. Four of the committee members must be present in order to establish a quorum to take any votes on agenda items.

The public is encouraged to attend and make public comments, but does not get to vote on agenda items. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the committee on any item on the agenda prior to the committee taking action on an item. Public comments on agenda items will be heard when the item is considered. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period for non-agenda items and, within the discretion of the committee's presiding chair, when other agenda items are being considered. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding chair of the committee.

Agenda items may be taken out of order. Motions may be taken on any agenda item. Any action taken would then be referred to the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council's board (as a recommendation) for further consideration and action.

The library is located at the intersection of Sunset Blvd. and Detroit, which runs south from Sunset Blvd. Free parking is available in the library's parking lot, which is entered from Detroit. The library is ADA accessible. If anyone has any disability related concerns, please email vicepresident@hhwnc.org for assistance ahead of the meeting.

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**ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO:
POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING A BOARD MOTION AND
VOTING ON THE MOTION.**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome, general comments and committee member introductions.**
- 2. Consider approving draft minutes of prior meetings held on January 3, 2019 and January 24, 2019.**
- 3. 6801 West Hollywood Boulevard - is the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.**

The Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles is a tenant in the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center.

At the committee's meeting on December 6, 2018, the committee voted (4 to 1) to recommend to HHWNC's Board that the Board support The Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles' application for a conditional use permit renewal and site plan change(s) if it is modified to include various conditions.

Prior to the Board's January 16, 2019 meeting, it became clear that there might be a mutual misunderstanding about the number of times per year when it would be appropriate (and become entitled) to impose a cover charge for comedy nights or live music/bands performing there. So, we agreed to table the motion at the Board's meeting, and bring this issue back to the PLUM Committee for additional consideration and clarification.

Donald Smith, the restaurant's general manager, and Gary Benjamin and Andrew Kazarek, the restaurant's representatives, will be at the meeting on behalf of The Hard Rock Cafe.

4. 6633 West Hollywood Boulevard - is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

The Escape Hotel is an entertainment space, rather than an actual hotel. CIM owns the site. The Escape Hotel is CIM's tenant.

On October 4, 2018, the committee considered The Escape Hotel's application to the City's Planning Department for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in connection with a new restaurant there, which would have 146 seats on the ground floor and on a second floor balcony overlooking the first floor entry area and restaurant area on that floor. No alcoholic beverages would be permitted in The Escape Hotel's "escape rooms".

The proposed hours of operation would be until midnight on Sundays through Wednesdays, and to 2 a.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays.

HHWNC's Area 3 Committee considered the application at a meeting in January, 2019, and did not reach enough of a consensus to make any recommendations.

On January 22, 2019, the Planning Department held a Zoning Administrator's hearing on the application. The applicant's representative mistakenly told the ZA that the owners of The Escape Hotel had won a state liquor license in one fo the state's periodically held lotteries for such licenses. The ZA held the file open for HHWNC to make a recommendation.

Lee Rabun will be representing The Escape Hotel.

4. 1344 N. Alta Vista Drive - is in HHWNC's Area 7 and City Council District 4.

HHWNC's Area 7 Committee and Housing Committee held a joint meeting on January 24, 2019 to consider a pending small lot subdivision application for the site. No representative of the applicant attended the meeting. Barbara Witkin, our HHWNC Area 7 Committee chair, asked this committee to consider the pending small lot subdivision application, and she has invited the applicant to send a representative to this meeting.

5. Hollywood Community Plan Update and Draft EIR -

Orrin Feldman, as an individual, submitted a comment letter to the City's Planning Department with regard to the proposed Hollywood Community Plan Update and Draft EIR.

The committee will discuss the letter and decide whether (or not) to recommend to the Board that the Board submit a supportive letter/community impact statement on behalf of HHWNC.

6. Public comments on non-agendized items.

7. Adjournment.