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## HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLUM COMMITTEE MEETING

April 4, 2019

6:00 to 8:00 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](mailto: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 a prior meeting held on March 7, 2019.**
- 3. 6801 West Hollywood Boulevard —is the Hollywood & Highland shopping center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.**

Walgreens Co.'s drug store is a tenant in this shopping center.

Walgreens Co. applied in 2018 to the City's Planning Department for a conditional use permit (CUP) to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption with its new 8,546 square foot Walgreens Pharmacy Store.

The store's proposed hours of operation were 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, but explained at a PLUM Committee meeting on January 3, 2019, that alcohol sales would be from 9 a.m. to midnight daily. No single serving items would be sold.

Edward Tham, the store's general manager, and Jennifer Oden, Walgreen's outside counsel, agreed to return at a subsequent committee meeting.

The Planning Department held a public hearing in late, 2018, to consider the application, but held open the case file to allow LAPD and HWHNC to make public comments.

LAPD also will be invited to share its recommendations.

The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2018-4265-CUB. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2018-4266-CE. Karolina Gorska is the Planning Dept.'s staff contact for the case(s).

#### **4. 1719 - 1741 Whitley Avenue - is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.**

In October, 2017, HHWNC's Board voted 16-0 to strongly oppose the proposed demolition of the 6 apartment buildings at 1719 -1731 Whitley Avenue, which would evict the tenants of 40 apartment units in the buildings, and (ii) recommended to the Planning Department that it order the owner/developer to (a) conduct a revised historical survey in accordance with Hollywood Heritage's request, and (b) prepare a draft environmental impact report, which would include an analysis of alternatives to the developer's proposed demolition(s).

Fairborz Moshfegh, doing business as Whitley Apartments, LLC, is the applicant/owner.

The application also asks the Planning Department for permission to construct a new 10 story hotel on the site.

On March 27, 2019, Brian Dyer, HHWNC's Area 3 Committee chair, attended a public hearing at which the proposed demolition and new hotel were considered. Because the application claimed that the proposed project was categorically exempt from further environmental review under CA CEQA, there were issues raised at the hearing about whether (or not) the department should order additional environmental review.

Mr. Dyer asked that this topic be agonized for this PLUM Committee meeting order to let the PLUM Committee decide whether it wants to make any additional recommendations to HHNWC's Board while the case file remains open at the Planning Department.

The Planning Department's case no. is DIR-2016-4290-SPR. The CA CEQA no. is ENV 2016-4921-CE.

#### **5. Public comments on non-agendized items.**

#### **6. Adjournment.**