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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLUM COMMITTEE AGENDA**

June 8, 2016

6:00 pm

**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 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 requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on non-agenda and agenda items will be heard during the Public Comment Period and, within the discretion of the presiding officer of the Board, when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board.

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.

Additionally, as a covered entity under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting our neighborhood council's coordinator, Lorenzo Briceno at (213) 978-1551 or email to Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org

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

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and general comments.**
2. **Consider approving minutes of previous committee meetings.**
3. **A discussion of organizational matters for the committee, including but not limited to how often the committee would meet, possibly establishing a future calendar of committee meeting dates etc.**
4. **Vice chair position: HHWNC's standing rules provide for the committee's members to elect a vice chair. Possible election if the committee so chooses to do so at this meeting.**
5. **8150 Sunset Blvd.**
 - (i) A short presentation of the currently proposed project from the proposed project's development team.
 - (ii) committee and public discussion.

Possible motion:

HHWNC's PLUM committee recommends that HHWNC's board of directors vote to:

- (i) support City Council Member David Ryu's position in his letter to Vince Bertoni, LA's Director of Planning, dated May 3, 2016, that the proposed heights of the buildings being proposed are out of scale with the site, the adjacent buildings, and the surrounding commercial and residential areas.
- (ii) recommend that the City Planning Commission should not approve and/or certify the proposed project's environmental impact report because the proposed projects' buildings are out of scale with the site, the adjacent buildings and the surrounding commercial and residential areas. The proposed project would be higher and taller than anything ever built along Sunset Boulevard from downtown to the Pacific Ocean, and it's not appropriate to do so.
- (iii) recommend that the City Planning Commission should not approve and/or certify the proposed project's environmental impact report for the additional following reasons:
 - (a) the traffic impacts are significant, and the proposed circulation plan and traffic impact mitigations are NOT feasible, especially since the City of West Hollywood told the hearing officer at the Planning Department's hearing on May 24, 2016, and via a letter, that West Hollywood will not permit the installation of lights which the proposed project and its EIR seem to depend upon having in order to provide required traffic impact mitigation(s).
 - (b) the density bonus for the site, which is based on the proposed project's site being within 1,500 feet of a transit stop in order to provide for a 3:1 density for this proposed project, rather than the 1;1 density which would otherwise applies, erroneously treats the few busses running intermittently past the site and/or nearby as a mass transit hub when the site isn't that at all. It's

questionable whether the site satisfies the actual rules for obtaining the density bonus. No adjustment or variance should be granted with regard to the proposed project under these circumstances.

- (c) the proposed plan for integrating the current “island” at Sunset/Crescent Heights southwestern side in to the proposed project’s site is not justified nor properly mitigated for its traffic impacts on both east bound and south bound traffic. East bound traffic on Sunset won’t be able to turn easily to go south on Crescent Heights. And, the south bound traffic flow from Laurel Canyon to Crescent Heights, which is tens of thousands per cars daily, will be impeded significantly. Gridlock can be expected. The entire Sunset/Crescent Heights intersection warrants being redesigned for traffic and public safety reasons, rather than just incorporating the island area and the turning lane there into becoming part of the proposed project’s site. Treating that space as the proposed project’s open space is a give away of a public asset, and it’s unjustifiable for purposes of California CEQA analysis. Additionally, there are serious public concerns about whether the Lytton Bank Building, now a JP Morgan Bank branch, should be maintained on site or preserved. Those questions were not adequately explored and analyzed.

5. Public comments on non-agendized items.

7. Adjournment.