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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PLUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 5, 2017  
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 on Sunset Blvd. Building is ADA 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 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 nonagenda 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 agendized 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

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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 July 6, and September 7, 2017.

**3. Hollywood Community Plan Update**

Council District 4’s Planning Deputy, Julia Duncan, will make a presentation about (i) Council Member Ryu’s goals for the Hollywood Community Plan update, (ii) what is being proposed for changes in the community plan update’s draft environmental impact report (DEIR) and, (iii) what CD4 wants to see included in the update’s final version.

**4. 6801 W. Hollywood Boulevard - Hollywood & Highland**

The site is in HHWNC’s Area 4 and City Council District 13.

On September 20, 2017, Takeshi Sakimoto filed an application on behalf of ESP Investment Holdings with the City’s Planning Department to request the Planning Department’s approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages at a proposed restaurant/event space/center on the 5th floor of the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center. The restaurant would be approximately 5,000 square feet, have 78 interior seats and 29 exterior patio seats; alcoholic beverages would be available in both the inside and exterior

portions of the operation. The proposed hours of operation would be from 10 am to 2 am daily. The applicant also is requesting permission to have “low-key” live entertainment. There are many Planning Department case nos. with regard to various CUPs at Hollywood & Highland, but the initial application was filed with regard to ZA-1998-CUB-449—PA 19, which allows up to 10 restaurants operating at Hollywood & Highland to serve a full line of alcoholic beverages.

The name of the restaurant and event space would be Japan House. Part of the space would be for a restaurant. Additional space would be available for larger events. The interior capacity is expected to hold between 107 and 181 people - depending on how the 5,000 square feet is being utilized.

There are only two other Japan Houses operating, and those are in London, United Kingdom, and Sao Paulo Brazil. The third and final Japan House would be this one in Los Angeles. It is expected to be the only one in North America.

The Japan Houses are the product of a public-private partnership between Japan’s Cultural Affairs Ministry and a private investors’ group.

Lee Rabun, as the applicants’ representative, and Mr. Sakimoto will be making a presentation about this new Japan House.

The PLUM Committee will be asked to make recommendations with regard to the proposed Japan House to HHWNC’s Board for a comment letter to be sent to the City’s Planning Department.

## **5. 1718 Whitley Avenue**

The site is in HHWNC’s Area 3 and City Council District 13.

The Planning Department’s case no. for this agenda item is DIR-2016-4920.

At the PLUM Committee’s meeting on July 6, 2017, Matthew Hayden, the current owner’s representative, gave a report to the committee and our stakeholders with regard to a proposed project, which would demolish six multifamily apartment buildings with approximately 40 apartment units, and result in a new hotel building on the site. The new hotel would be 10 stories, have 156 rooms, 3 subterranean parking levels and 122 parking spaces for the hotel’s use.

The proposed project raised serious concerns and opposition. Many current tenants came and told the committee that they didn’t want to be evicted, and didn’t know where they would be able to move to if they were evicted. Others comments raised concerns about whether this site was an appropriate site for a hotel, and whether the current buildings had historical significance. The issue was whether the current building should be preserved as the buildings are now, rather than be demolished to make way for a new hotel.

Mr. Hayden and Hollywood Heritage’s representatives, Christy McAvoy and John Girodo agreed that further review of the historical information provided by Mr. Hayden’s client to Hollywood

Heritage would be appropriate. Ms. McAvoy mentioned that it was possible that the entire street might turn out to have historical significance.

Mr. Hayden will be making a presentation, and the July discussions will continue. Hollywood Heritage also will be invited to participate in this discussion. The PLUM Committee may make recommendations with regard to (i) this proposed project, and (ii) the site's historic significance to HHWNC's Board.

The PLUM Committee has asked The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to provide Spanish/English translation services for this meeting, generally, and especially for this particular agenda item.

**6. Public comments on non-agendized items.**

**7. Adjournment.**