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# HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLUM COMMITTEE MEETING October 4, 2018 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 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 meeting held on September 6, 2018.

#### 3. 6523 W. Hollywood Boulevard

Adolfo Suaya, the building's owner, has applied to the City's Planning Department for approval for a Type 47 restaurant license for Suite 3 in the building under a master plan for 5 spaces serving alcohol, which was the subject of a 2015 case (no. ZA-2014-2008(MCUP). In the current case, Mr. Suaya is asking the Planning Department to approve the new license without any public hearing. The current case no. is ZA-2018-4517.

Michael Gonzales, Esq., Mr. Suaya's attorney, sent Marc Levun, The Gonzales Law Office's land use planner, to the committee's prior meeting. Mr. Levun told the committee that this site will be the first LA site for Harold's Chicken Shacks, a Chicago-based restaurant chain.

Mr. Levun has been invited to return to this meeting with a representative of the restaurant to make a presentation about the new restaurant's operator and operations.

#### 4. 7220 W. Sunset Blvd.

At the committee's July 12, 2018, and September 6, 2018 meetings, the committee asked the Domino's Pizza's employees and franchise operator to discuss (i) whether they've obtained a change of use approval and certificate of occupancy for their business at this site, and (ii) their pending request to the City's Planning Department to ask the department to approve extended operating hours beyond those hours otherwise allowed under the City's commercial corner regulation(s). Domino's proposed hours of operation would be from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight on Sundays through Thursdays, and to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The pizzeria provides take out and deliveries. There is no on-site dining.

The Planning Department case no. is ZA 2018-846-CU. No hearing date has yet been set.

At the September 6, 2018 meeting, the franchise operator provided a copy of a certificate of occupancy issued with regard to the business at the site, but the committee had some questions about whether the hours of operation on the certificate were correct under the City's commercial corner rules. After the September 6, 2018 meeting, there still were several open issues. The committee will continue to discuss the open issues. The Committee hopes to resolve those issues with the help of the City's Planning Department, Council District 4 and the franchise operator.

#### 5. 6633 West Hollywood Boulevard

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

The Escape Hotel has applied to the City's Planning Department for a conditional use permit to sell alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in connection with (i) a restaurant, and (ii) The Escape Hotel's "escape rooms". The site has approximately 10,500 square feet, and the restaurant was authorized to have 113 seats back in 2008, but is now requesting 146 seats. The proposed hours of operation would be until midnight on Sundays through Wednesdays, and to 2 a.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays.

The Planning Department's case number is ZA-2018-3366-ZV-CUB.

Lee Rabun will be at this meeting on behalf of The Escape Hotel.

#### 6. Electronic Billboards

HHWNC's Board passed a motion opposing additional "off-site" electronic billboards and any amnesty or grandfathering of non-permitted electronic billboards at a November 15, 2017 meeting. The motion also called for additional enforcement.

David Gershwin, a consultant to Clear Channel Outdoor, requested time to make a presentation on the merits of having more electronic billboards.

The Coalition to Ban Billboards also has been invited to send a representative so that both sides of the issue(s) may be heard.

#### 7. Public comments on non-agendized items.

#### 8. Adjournment.