

ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - E

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles California

To the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members:

FEB 20 2015

C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street - Walk of Fame Additional Name in Terrazzo Sidewalk –
WILL FERRELL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the City Council designate the unnumbered location situated one sidewalk square northerly of and between numbered locations 77H and 77h as shown on Sheet #17 of Plan D-13788 for the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the installation of the name of Will Ferrell at 6767 Hollywood Boulevard.
- B. Inform the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce of the Council's action on this matter.
- C. That this report be adopted prior to the date of the ceremony on March 24, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No General Fund Impact. All cost paid by permittee.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. Unnumbered communication dated February 3, 2015, from the Hollywood Historic Trust of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, biographical information and excerpts from the minutes of the Chamber's meeting with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame the name of Will Ferrell. The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

The communicant's request is in accordance with City Council action of October 18, 1978, under Council File No. 78-3949. Following the Council's action of approval, and upon proper application and payment of the required fee, an installation permit can be secured at 201 N. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor, Counter 23.

Respectfully submitted,

for Carl M. Behdin

Shahin Behdin, P.E.

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Bureau of Engineering

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cc: Construction Services Center, Counter 23
Bureau of Street Services
Administration



February 3, 2015

Mr. Gary L. Moore
Public Works Engineering
Att: Lemuel Paco
201 N. Figueroa, 3rd Floor, M.S. 503
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has approved the below listed name for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

WILL FERRELL-(Category –MOTION PICTURES) Requested star location to be 6767 Hollywood Blvd., North side of the street in front of The Hollywood Wax Museum. The star for WILL FERRELL will be placed in the second row next to the original row closest to the property. The stars situated in the original row where star is situated are EDGAR BERGEN (77H) to the WEST and ROSEANNE (77h) to the east. According to sheet # 17 plan 13788, WILL FERRELL'S star is next to one blank star to the east and the star of SALLY FIELD which is on the west side. The second row spots have no designated numbers. STAR TO POINT EAST. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to a response from your office soon.

The following materials are enclosed: WILL FERRELL'S bio, and the Board of Director's Minutes.

Sincerely,

Ana Martinez
Vice President, Media Relations, Producer-Walk of Fame

cc:

Mayor Garcetti
Councilman O'Farrell
William Ayala
Sgt. Lamont Jerrett

Leron Gubler
SPEC SEC.
Top End Const.
Carmine Goglia

Ernie Johnston
Hannibal Harris

WILL FERRELL has come a long way since his days on "Saturday Night Live," crossing over from television icon to motion picture star, producer and internet pioneer. Ferrell most recently reprised his role as Ron Burgundy, the character he made famous in the 2004 comedy, "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." In "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues," Ron and the Channel 4 news team headed to New York City to help start the world's first 24 hour news station. Ferrell co-wrote both films with director Adam McKay under their Gary Sanchez production shingle and "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" has earned over \$172 million worldwide to date.

Ferrell also recently lent his voice to the character of Lord Business in the animated film "The LEGO® Movie," which has gone on to earn over \$441 million in the worldwide box office. Previously, Ferrell starred opposite Zach Galifianakis in "The Campaign," and the ambitious "Casa de mi Padre," a comedy spoof in the Latin American telenovela style, filmed entirely in Spanish, for which Ferrell served as producer and also starred as the lead. Ferrell's many film credits also include "Elf," "Zoolander," "Old School," and the screen adaptation of "The Producers," which earned him his first Golden Globe nomination in 2006 for Best Supporting Actor. In 2007, Ferrell earned his second Golden Globe nomination, for Best Actor in a Comedy or Musical, for his portrayal of IRS agent Harold Crick in "Stranger Than Fiction." He will next be seen alongside Kevin Hart in the Warner Bros film comedy "Get Hard," on which he also served as a producer. The film opens world wide on March 27.

Ferrell earned a 2009 Tony Award nomination for his Broadway debut, headlining the sold-out, Tony-nominated one-man comedy show "Will Ferrell: You're Welcome America, A Final Night with George W Bush," directed by Adam McKay, in which he perfected his infamous "Saturday Night Live" characterization of President Bush. At the end of its Broadway run, Ferrell performed the show, live, in its entirety on HBO, earning a pair of Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding Comedy Special and Outstanding Writing.

In 2007, Ferrell and McKay founded the overwhelmingly popular and award-winning video website *Funnyordie.com*. With hundreds of exclusive celebrity videos and a steady stream of huge viral hits, *Funny Or Die* has become the place to be seen for comedic celebrities, and the obvious destination for a daily comedy fix. The site's first video, "The Landlord," has received over 81 million views and features Ferrell confronted by a swearing, beer-drinking two-year-old landlord. The site averages over 20 million unique visitors per month and over 60 million page views per month.

Soon thereafter, Ferrell and McKay joined forces to open their own production company,

Gary Sanchez Productions. Gary Sanchez produced the HBO comedy series "Eastbound and Down," starring Danny McBride, and the July 2104 feature comedy "Tammy," starring Melissa McCarthy. The company currently has several feature projects in the works.

Gary Sanchez supported the 2006 Sundance hit "The Foot Fist Way," starring McBride, who also co-wrote with director Jody Hill; "The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard," starring Jeremy Piven; and "Step Brothers," which earned over \$100 million domestically. In 2006 Ferrell starred in the hit comedy "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," with co-stars John C. Reilly and Sacha Baron Cohen. Earning nearly \$150 million at the U.S. box office, the film became the season's #1 non-animated comedy and continues to set records on DVD.

Ferrell starred for seven seasons on NBC's seminal late-night hit "Saturday Night Live," after taking the nation by storm during the show's "Indecision 2000," with his portrayal of President George W. Bush. Some of his most memorable "SNL" characters include Craig the Spartan Spirit Cheerleader, musical middle school teacher Marty Culp, and Bush. Among his many impressions were Janet Reno, Alex Trebek, Neil Diamond and the late, great Chicago Cubs sportscaster Harry Caray. His work on "SNL" earned two Emmy nominations in 2001, for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program, and Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Program.

A testament to his impact on the American comedic landscape, Ferrell was named the recipient of the 2011 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The award recognizes people who have had an impact on American society in the same vein as social commentator, satirist, and creator of memorable characters, Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Previous recipients include comedy greats such as Richard Pryor, George Carlin, Lorne Michaels, Steve Martin, and Tina Fey.

Raised in Irvine, California, Ferrell graduated USC with a degree in sports information. He worked as a sportscaster on a local weekly cable show before enrolling in acting classes and stand-up comedy workshops and was eventually asked to join the esteemed comedy/improv group The Groundlings after just one year of training. It was at The Groundlings that Ferrell was discovered for "Saturday Night Live."

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 18, 2014

MINUTES

Board Members Attending: Karen Diehl, chair; Assil, Barton, Berghammer, Butler, Dadigan, Folb, Gallogly, Goodwin, , Green, Griggs, Kalantari, Keyser, Marlis, Mihalka, Sarian, Schultz, Simon, Sobrino-Stearns, Taglyan, Wehbe, Zarrinnam

Board Members Absent: Audley, Chong, Cochran, Conti, Gargano, Gaughen, Gonzales, Logan, Lyons, Roschen, See, Sundher, Weathers.

Staff Attending: Gubler, Martinez, Shahanian

Honorary Board Members Attending: Arslanian, Briggs, Cabral-Ebert, Dudas, Farrar, Shelton

Guests Attending: Conni Pallini-Tipton, LA City Planning Department; Patricia Diefenderfer, LA City Planning Department

Chair Karen Diehl called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Walk of Fame Committee Recommendations

Schultz announced the 2015 Walk of Fame honoree recommendation submitted by the Walk of Fame Committee.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Zarrinnam to approve the Walk of Fame committee selections for 2015 as follows:

MOTION PICTURES:

POSTHUMOUS- Screen writer, Raymond Chandler
Bob Kane-creator of Batman Franchise
Director Peter Jackson
Actors- Eugenio Derbez, Will Ferrell, Jennifer Garner, Daniel Radcliffe,
Paul Rudd, Melissa McCarthy, Christoph Waltz, AND Character, Snoopy

TELEVISION:

Producers, James L. Brooks, and Ken Ehrlich,
TV Hosts, Bobby Flay and Kelly Ripa
Actors- Seth MacFarlane, Julianna Margulies, Chris O'Donnell,
Jim Parsons, Amy Poehler, Sofia Vergara

RECORDING: Producer Lukasz "Dr. Luke" Gottwald, Recording Engineer Al Schmitt Kool & The Gang, Pitbull, and Pharrell Williams

RADIO: Radio Personality, Larry Elder

LIVE THEATRE/LIVE PERFORMANCE- Kristin Chenoweth, Dick Gregory and
Composer Ennio Morricone

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Shahanian
VP Public Policy