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BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2016, 6:30PM
FIRE STATION 82 ANNEX
1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028
Second Floor Conference Room

1. Welcome and introductions

Meeting started at 6:38.

2. Roll Call

Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Erik, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila present. 13 present. Robert L., Chona and Anji excused. Robert A. absent. Susan P. left at 7:50. Greg left at 8.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion Jennifer-Ishmael approved 9-0-4 (yes: Jim, Erik, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, George, and Margaret; abstaining: Jennifer, Naima, Sheila, and Greg).

4. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

L.A. Marathon review, Planning Commission meeting.

5. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each)

Lisa, new election administrator introduced herself and offered to sign people up at meeting. We're in Region 5. Deadline is March 2.

Adam, CD4- will be setting up meeting with LAPD and community to discuss recent crime trends. Susan P.- recent daylight robbery.

Homeless Count.

Serena, Rec&Parks- updates on Greek.

6. Discretionary Fund Task Force Update (Lucy Gonzalez)

http://davidryu.lacity.org/discretionary_funds_task_force?utm_campaign=w_7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=davidryucc

Continued.

7. Disaster Preparedness event being held on Saturday Feb 27th. (Susana Furios)

Partnering with Kaiser and CD13 on parking lot of Scientology on Sunset across from hospital.

8. PLUM Committee

A. Motion to Approve: Master Land Use Permit Application – 1826 N. Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA

Action(s) Requested:

1. Section 11.5.7: Exception to allow for roof deck for the 5 single family homes. Current Bldg height limits is 30' high and by requesting for roof deck, the bldg. height will be increased to 35' in lieu of 30' (an increase of 16.67%) to building height. Increased 5-foot height is for the roof deck and mechanical only.

2. Section 11.5.7: Project permit to allow (project work scope) w/in the Vermont/Western SNAP.

3. Section 11.5.7: Specific Plan Exception to allow a reduced setback for open space roof decks and mechanical equipment (project work scope).

Leeor, developer, spoke to project. Questions were asked about aesthetics and railing on top of units, which requires waiver from City rules. Erik spoke to concerns of neighbors at 1820 Canyon, who for the most part are OK with project, which is seen as architecturally interesting. Leeor has offered to work with 1820 Condo Board to place a new fence between properties and enhance lighting as much as possible so that neighbors won't have too much shade. Erik recused himself from vote. Motion Jim-Ishmael approved 12-0-1 (Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila yes; Erik abstained)

B. Motion to Approve: Master Land Use Permit Application – 1806 N. Gramercy Place, Los Angeles, CA

Action(s) Requested:

1. Project Permit Compliance pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 to permit new construction, use and maintenance of a 12-unit residential apartment building above a subterranean garage containing 24 vehicle parking spaces and 14 bicycle parking spaces within the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan.

2. Density Bonus pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22 A.25 for a new 12-unit residential apartment building providing one unit restricted for Very Low Income households utilizing Parking Option 1 and one on-menu incentive for a 20 percent reduction in required open space.

Jim explained that nothing was being asked of the board. Developer explained what is proposing. Spoke to definition of very low income housing. Motion Ishmael-Jennifer approved 12-0 (Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Erik, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, George, Margaret and Sheila present.)

9. PSWT Committee

A. Recommend renewal for one year of temporary preferential parking districts 180, 188 and 189. Proposal to host town hall on TPPD 7/G (Business area around Beachwood and Belden). Seek clarification on whether DOT now has ability to renew TPPDs without a public hearing.

PPD list: <http://www.hollywoodunitednc.org/publicsafety%20ppd%20packet%202011.15.pdf> Jen Cohen of CD4 says these get renewed administratively.

Erik- we asked LaBonge to hold community meetings six months after tppds were established. Reminded Ryu's office many times before start of 2016 that several of the tppds were reaching one-year phase. Need updated survey. Motion Erik-Sheila approved (yes: Erik, George, Jim, Susan S. no: Tom, Jennifer, Naima abstain: Sheila, Cyndy, Ishmael, Margaret) 1) Renew 3 as listed 2) Host meeting with CD4 and DOT on ppds still remaining at Beachwood Café 3) Get updated traffic data when they can.

B. Discussion of New Year's Eve closure of Beachwood Drive at Ledgewood and Scenic, as well as Carmen at Gower by LAPD. Request that future closures be communicated to the public, that the City develop and release a plan to determine when closures should take place, involving DOT, Recreation & Parks, CD4, local NCs and HOAs.

Erik gave background. LAPD made call but did not ask DOT to assist with directing traffic. Adam, CD4- Was at events. Told staff to direct people to the Observatory. Susan S.- 8,000 cars redirected. Shut down westbound traffic on Los Feliz Blvd. Cyndy- ask CM Ryu to rewrite motion permitting street control devices. Put up more message boards notifying public about closures, rerouting of traffic.

Motion Jennifer-Erik approved 11-0-1 (Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Erik, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila yes, Cyndy abstains).

C. Discussion of revised Mobility 2035 plan, expected to be approved by City Planning Commission on 2/11.

Erik FYI.

D. Expression of support for proposed Homeless Shelters - Emergency Ordinance and discussion of 2/9 release by City and County of new plans to address issue of homelessness.

Erik-Tom approved 11-1 (Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Erik, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila yes; Jennifer no).

E. Discussion of recent L.A. Times article on falling Metro ridership figures and implications for future development projects, parking allowances.

Erik- odd that City keeps using statistics that have no bearing on reality. Hollywood Plan got thrown for less. Naima- L.A. is not NYC. Unrealistic.

Ishmael- need to speed up pace of trains as wait it too long for most people. Other cities around world have much faster service. George- uses Metro.

Sheila- Should use same parking requirements for transit oriented developments as other projects since there is not a large difference between usership.

10. Renters Committee

A. Ask PLUM to inquire about all future projects that involve demolition of existing apartment structures or evictions of current tenants what percentage of residents are disabled, senior, military veterans or low income with goal of seeking additional accommodations for these individuals, as part of the larger questionnaire for developers.

Ishmael and Erik gave background. Cyndy stated that did not agree to a town hall in April. Tom agreed that should have gone to Renters first as an idea.

B. Seek a meeting with Planning and CD13, along with other NCs and tenant advocates within the district, to advocate for raising relocation benefits as part of the upcoming revision of the Hollywood Plan (instead of on a citywide basis) due to the area's ever increasing rents and low vacancy rates.

11. Finance:

A. Approval of Monthly Expense Reports

B. Discussion and vote to approve reimbursement of \$48.17 to Erik Sanjurjo for refreshments from Fresh Bros. at December 14, 2015 HUNC Board

Meeting

Motion Tom-Ishmael approved 11-0-1 (Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila yes; Erik recused himself).

12. Elections 2016

A. Board Seat Candidate Status

B. Introduction of Lisa Cahan Davis, replacement HUNC Election Manager

C. Discussion and update on Elections 2016 planning and calendar...less than two (2) weeks until Candidate Registration closes.

D. Discussion and reminder that all Board, Committee and Ad Hoc meetings and events are to be promoted as Candidate Registration available on site

E. Discussion and vote to reallocate \$1500 in aggregate amount from HUNC Board approved 2016 Election budget line items:

\$500 in design services across post cards, flyers, bag stuffers, posters, etc.

\$500 for ads in local newspapers announcing call for candidates, election date, time and location

\$500 for Election Specific Email Blasts to Stakeholders

... to new line item: Up to \$1500 for advertising including options for; newspapers, cable/satellite television, radio, digital/social/online, robo-calling, etc.

Motion Tom-George approved 12-0 (Erik, Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret and Sheila). Erik asked for clarification that no robo calls would take place.

13. Outreach

A. Discussion and vote to approve up to \$250 for food, beverages, incidentals to support HSDNC sponsored town hall regarding Neighborhood Integrity Initiative scheduled for February 23 at Emerson College at 6:30pm. Volunteers needed for manning table.

Approved 12-0 (Cyndy, Jim, Jennifer, Greg, Susan S., Ishmael, Tom, Naima, Susan P., George, Margaret, Erik0 and Sheila).

B. Discussion for volunteers needed for 2016 Election Call for Candidates outreach including; manning table and solicitation in Gelsons' parking lot, yard sign installations, HOA meeting attendance, school bulletins/PTA meetings attendance, business postering and neighborhood flyering

C. Discussion of proposed logistics for Mayor's Neighborhood walk-around of Area 4 on Sat., April 2.

Erik gave rundown of idea for event, to walk from Hwd Pres to Franklin Village, visit at Gelson's and a home in Hollywood Grove, then down Western to Hollywood, where would discuss proposed BID, west along Hollywood Village, FS82, Gower to Villas and back to Hwd Pres.

14. Discussion of the Griffith Park Circulation and Parking Enhancement Plan MND, Griffith Park Advisory Board letter, possible motions. MND available to read here:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/pages/121/attachments/original/1452819495/Draft_IS-MND_GriffithPark_1-7-16_2015.pdf?1452819495

Letter available to read at <http://www.hollywoodunitednc.org/GPAB%20MND%20Letter%20Feb%202016.pdf>

Susan S. gave background on issue. Read into record GPAB letter. Question why City would do trams to an official viewing area as part of a negative dec.

Erik- While Rec & Parks made a mess of idea of opening roads during Spring break of 2015 to private vehicles, should allow public trams to go up road. Can charge whatever to ensure that have right amount of traffic. Water and bathrooms by Observatory. Jennifer, Cyndy and Jim agree to not take a vote on this.

15. Old/Ongoing Business

None.

16. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment

10:10 p.m.