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PLUM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2015, 6:00PM
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FIRE STATION 82 ANNEX
1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028
Second Floor Conference Room

PLUM Committee 6:00pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Meeting started 6:05.

2. Roll Call

Jim, Erik, Ishmael, George and Chona present.

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

None

4. 5750 Hollywood Boulevard, LLC proposes a mixed-use project on an approximately 1.10-acre site at the gateway to East Hollywood. The project includes 161 residences, both market-rate and affordable units in a variety of configurations and sizes, as well as live/work lofts that feature ground-level commercial space fronting Hollywood Boulevard. Enclosed within seven stories and oriented around a central courtyard and a publicly-accessible plaza, the maximum project floor area is approximately 172,800 square feet. Structured, code-required parking is provided for all on-site uses, with 271 automobile parking spaces and 96 bicycle parking spaces within two subterranean levels and an at-grade level enclosed by the building. Vehicle access to the project is provided via a single driveway on Hollywood Boulevard at the eastern end of the project site.

Aaron Greene of Afriat Consulting presented on project, showing changes that had been made since last presentation to committee. Erik suggested that, while large, project fit well into aesthetics of neighborhood with its mixture of old and new Hollywood, and had plenty of parking. Moved to make a general statement to this effect, without technically supporting. HSDNC has not yet taken a position on matter and may choose to do so before December hearing. Questions were asked about historic nature of former automobile showroom, parts of which will be incorporated into the lobby of the new development.

Motion Erik-Jim approved.

5. Old/Ongoing Business

None.

6. New/Future Business

None.

Adjournment

6:35.

Board Meeting 6:30pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Meeting started at 6:45.

2. Roll Call

Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik and Robert L. 10 total. George arrived at 7. Naima Hazelton voted onto board at 8 pm. Robert A. and Jennifer not excused. Margaret, Cyndy and Anji excused.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion Susan S-Jim to approve regular October minutes approved 6-0-4 (Susan S., Erik, Tom, Chona, Jim, and Ishmael yes; Sheila, Susan P., Greg and Robert L. abstain). October special agenda minutes continued to December meeting.

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

Lee from Beachwood spoke about recent assault of actress by homeless man in Dell. Individual a known problem.

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

Catherine (CD4): Community cleanup Sunday at Hollywood Knolls/Lake Hollywood. Meet at park.

El Nino preparedness town hall. Will host Monday Dec. 7 at Gardner Street Elementary School.

Holiday party at 6501 Fountain on Sunday Dec. 6 from 3-5 p.m. Xmas Parade on Sun. Nov. 29.

CD4 will be paying for extra enforcement near Hollywood sign over holidays.

Party house with animals. Permit but had elephant. Animal Commission looking into.

Dan (CD13) sent written report discussing installation of new Continental crosswalk at Highland and Hollywood.

SLO (LAPD) spoke about importance of using 311 app to report nuisance issues.

6. Non-Agendized Reports from Committees and Geographical/At-Large/Homeowner Representatives (2 minutes each)

None.

7. Budget Advocate/Representative (5 minutes)

A. Discussion and update on LA City Budget by Region 5 Budget Advocate or HUNC Budget Representative

8. Vacant HUNC Board Seats, call for Representatives and possible action to fill. Details for eligibility at

<http://www.hollywoodunitednc.org/bylawsenglish.htm>

A. Business Representative Area #A

B. Renter Representative Area #A

C. Non-Profit Representative

Tom nominated Naima Hazelton of First Presbyterian Church to serve as second nonprofit rep. Worked on Franklin/Ivar Park. Concerned with homeless issues. Susan S. read position responsibilities. George seconded. Approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

D. Youth

9. Approval of Bylaws Changes (10 minutes)

Erik gave summary of hearing. Susan S. asked to include more of coastline of Reservoir. Erik-Susan approved 11-0 (Naima, Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

10. Finance (30 minutes)

A. Approval of Monthly Expense Reports

Tom gave overview of September financial report. Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

B. Approval of \$149.83 additional expense above previously approved expense of \$2500.00 for Speaker Forum on October 26, 2015

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

C. Approval of \$51.18 reimbursement to Sheila Irani for personal expense to purchase beverages for Speaker Forum on October 26, 2015

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

D. Approval of \$138.43 reimbursement to George Skarpelos for personal expense to purchase printing for event program for Speaker Forum on October 26, 2015.

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

E. Approval of up to an additional \$100 (\$300 approved previously) for HUNC Board Member business cards

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

F. Approval of up to \$200 for HSDNC's Lemon Grove Park Holiday Party on December 11, 2015

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

G. Approval of up to \$500 for HUNC steel storage locker of valuables at FS82 Annex

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

H. Approval of up to \$160.00 to GoDaddy for two (2) year renewal on domains; hollywoodunitednc.com, hollywoodunitednc.org, myHUNC.com,

myHUNC.org, hollywoodcoalition.com and hollywoodcoalition.org

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

I. Approval of up to \$150 for renewal of HUNC P.O. Box

Motion Tom-George approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

J. Discussion and update on HUNC Board Member Funding training

Tom and Erik took Treasurers training. Other board members need to take regular training once.

11. PLUM (15 minutes)

A. 5850 & 5856 Franklin Ave. – Project Description: Create a paved parking lot & surrounding fence in the currently vacant lot. Action(s) requested: 1.

Conditional use to allow a public surface parking lot with an R zone. 2. Project permit to allow a change of use within the Vermont Western Snap.

Description of PLUM hearing was given. Reasons for why parking lot will improve quality of life for residents were given. Motion Ishmael-Susan P. approved 11-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

B. 5750 Hollywood Boulevard, LLC proposes a mixed-use project on an approximately 1.10-acre site at the gateway to East Hollywood. Motion Erik-Ishmael to state that project "fits well with the development plan for the area and has ample parking provided" approved 11-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.). Jim- like that are repurposing old building next door. Robert L.- attractive.

12. Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee (20 minutes)

A. Support a one year renewal of temporary preferential parking districts 184, 186, 180 and 188 (portion where signs are installed) around upper Beachwood and Deronda for weekends only keeping restricted hours as 8am-6pm. Ask City and DOT to do traffic counts of current usage by hour during restricted period. Consider moving start time to 9am and end time to 7pm if data supports it.

Erik and Jim gave summary. CD4 said weekend ppd signs are still not all up. Can ask DOT to do traffic count if helps. Motion Susan S.-Robert L. to support renewal of ppds for another year approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.). Motion George-Ishmael to ask City and DOT to do traffic counts of current usage by hour approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

B. Motion to petition City Council to amend preferential parking rules to allow for employees of local businesses to park with ppd zones provided that local Council office supports proposal and DOT determines that there is a lack of off-street parking in the surrounding area Parking Task Force. Motion Erik-Ishmael to support allowing employees of local businesses to park in ppd zones provided that 1) the local Council member is supportive, having obtained the input of local residents, and 2) that DOT confirms that there is a lack of off-street parking available. (Current ordinance doesn't allow for employees to use). Approved 11-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Susan P., Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

13. Discussion and possible motion re Lake Hollywood Vista overlook area for Hollywood Sign and the petition to replace it with landscaping. Process, costs, etc. www.lake-hollywood.com

Susan S. said she heard about from neighbors that a group was seeking to plant over Vista. Sheila mentioned group is seeking to put up a gate and place plants behind it. Petition was only sent in by those in support. Claim 70-80% of residents have agreed. Lake Hollywood Estates approved though they doubted budget was accurate and questioned whether any City departments supported the proposal. Susan S.- Rec & Parks hadn't heard of. LAPD SLO indicated that she wasn't aware of any departmental position. Petitioners claim CM Ryu only wants "consensus" from Lake Hollywood stakeholders. Vista and open space on other side of the street are part of Griffith Park.

Erik- move to seek to address the issues brought up by Lake Hollywood residents around the Vista by: supporting a) installation of new concrete ballards and offer to help pay for; b) full-time Park Ranger enforcement for Lake Hollywood area; c) purchase of land for development of new tourist center on Hollywood Blvd. between Gower and Bronson; d) effort to work with HHW and LF, CD4 and CD13 on task force to address mitigating the negative impact of tourism; e) work with LA Inc., Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, City and others to develop an app for tourism that is sensitive to local concerns. Jim- no position but concerned about possible spillover of tourists to dirt portion of Mulholland Highway, etc. Motion Erik-Robert L. approved 10-0 (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Chona, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.). * Alternative to closing the Vista.

14. Renters Committee (10 minutes)

A. As it relates to City Council discussion of Ordinance 183893, the mandatory retrofitting for earthquake hazard reduction in existing wood-framed buildings, recommend that the repayment period be extended to 12 years and that renters be responsible for paying 25% of the total cost and no more than 50%.

Erik and Ishmael gave explanation of way City passes along costs now. Sheila questioned why owners would be asked to wait so long to collect cost of improvement. Item continued.

B. Request that the City Housing Department examine the total dollar amount being passed along to tenants thru its three categories of building improvement programs to determine if an annual cap should be placed to maintain affordability.

Continued.

15. Report on the presentation of the Mayor's Parking Reform Committee Report to the City Council Transportation Committee
Susan P. gave overview of recommendations made by group to date. Commented on issues around ppds and businesses.

16. Outreach Committee (20 minutes)

A. Update on HUNC Speaker Forum with David Ryu on October 26

B. Update on Emergency Response Information home window card

C. Update and possible Board vote to approve up to \$300 for incidentals for Mobil Clinic scheduled for Dec 12.

Chona gave update. LAYN/My Friend's Place. Motion Tom-Ishmael 9-0. Chona abstained. (Ishmael, Susan S., Sheila, Tom, Greg, Jim, Erik, George and Robert L.).

D. Update on HUNC Speaker Series with Kevin James, Zev Yaroslovsky and Ron Galperin scheduled for January 27 and Adam Schiff in March 2016

E. Discussion and update on HUNC Speaker Series with DWP and Sheila Kuehl, time and place TBD

17. HUNC Elections May 1st 2016 (15 minutes)

A. Discussion and update on Elections 2016 planning and calendar

Ivan, new Independent Election Administrator spoke about process. City Clerk is still running elections with IEAs. Should set goal of getting back to 500+ voters. Elections May 1. Candidate registration opens on January 17. Closes March 2. Need flyers, events, etc. Working on way to allow NCs to post banners for one year for \$120 per banner. Goal of three people for every seat. DONE wants us to spend 12-17k on election.

B. Discussion and review of current open seats and the seats up for election in 2016

See #8.

18. Griffith Park Advisory Board meeting 12/10

19. Hollywood Central Park "Save the Date" Gala Announcement

20. December Board meeting will be a Workshop/Retreat, date 12/21, reschedule to 12/14 possible; topics Agreed on change of date. Committees encouraged not to meet in December. Outreach to do so.

21. Old/Ongoing Business

None

22. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment

10:20