

Meeting of Planning, Land Use and Management Committee of HUNC
September 8, 2011 7:00 pm

AGENDA ITEMS: ALL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REFERRAL FOR
ACTION TO FULL BOARD

1. Welcome and introductions: 7:08 pm

In attendance were: Gerry Hans, Lucinda Phillips, Alfred Fraijo Jr., Susan Polifronio, Lucy, Richard MacNaughton, Ann Gagen, George Abrahams, Warner Ebbink, David Schlesinger (chair), Scott Larson, Nicole Manzo.

2. Approval of minutes

May 5: motion by Lucy, seconded by Scott, approved by RM, DS, SL and NM; no opposition.
Aug. 4: with correction to Item 4.B.: "moved by Scott, seconded by Nicole;" motion by Nicole, seconded by Scott, approved by AG, Lucy, DS, RM, and NM; no opposition.

3. Public Comment on items not on the agenda but within the Committee's purview

Lucy: neighbor is renovating.

Gerry Hans and Lucinda Phillips of Friends of Griffith Park: request that the full Board should re-submit its letter in opposition to increased billboards and advertising in city parks, to reflect additional information; DS suggests that they appear before the full Board.

4. Items for discussion

A. Griffith Park Road Reopening – Letter in opposition – Scott Larson

[This item heard second out of these three.]

Discussion of proposal floating around to open up part of Mt. Hollywood Drive to vehicular traffic; tradeoff between current enjoyment of non-motorized recreational users v. less access to park for people who must rely on cars; testimony about current problems from the cars already in the area of the road which is open now.

George Abrahams of Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association spoke in favor of the proposal to write a letter in opposition; notes that his group is working to find alternate hiking routes to Hollywood sign viewing spots for those who are able to hike for a half-hour or so, which they will post online, and that they don't think the view from the Mt. Hollywood Drive area is very good anyway and it won't satisfy tourists.

Motion:

Motion to urge the full HUNC Board to write a letter, as drafted by Scott Larson, to Councilman LaBonge, Jon Mukri - General Manager of the L.A. Dept. Of Parks and Recreation, and other interested parties, expressing disapproval of the proposal to open Mt. Hollywood Drive in Griffith Park to vehicular traffic.

Motion by Nicole, seconded by Lucy;

Approved by Board members SL and NM; opposed by DS.

Approved by stakeholders: 5 voted in favor, one abstention, none against.

B. ZA 2010-3215 2V Alcoholic Beverage Application at 6145 Franklin Av [Hotel] - Brett Engstrom

Presentation by Warner Ebbink of Café 101, Dominick's, Little Dom's, etc., in support of his project (undertaken with the Best Western owners), to open up a cocktail lounge within the hotel, which is planned to have a bit over 600 square feet and about a 35-seat capacity. Lounge entrance is inside the hotel, in space that is not part of or connected to the Café. Discussion of parking arrangements and hours; Ebbink notes that the hotel offers 24-hour valet parking and that he believes there is already adequate parking.

George Abrahams, who is also president of the Argyle Civic Association, noted that none of the members had any problems with this proposal, although no formal position was taken.

Motion:

Motion to request a letter from the full HUNC Board in support of the application with the following restrictions:

- a) valet parking will be available and on-site
- b) at least 10 parking spaces will be available for the lounge
- c) the lounge will close at 2 a.m. at the latest

Moved by Scott, seconded by Richard;

Approved by Board members DS, SL and NM.

Approved by 5 stakeholders, no opposition.

C. Millennium Development adjacent the Capitol Records tower – further discussion
[Note: this item heard first, of the items for discussion.] Ann Gagen wants to make sure the Millennium item which was agendaized for the last full HUNC meeting, which did not have a quorum, will be carried over to the next HUNC board meeting.

Update by Laurie Goldman, representing the project, noting that the draft EIR should be done by February, and she will probably come back to the PLUM Committee in November to discuss this and Design Standards.

No motion, just updates.

5. New Business: none.

6. Old Business: none.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:14 pm