

HUNC Planning and Land Use Committee Draft Meeting Minutes 11-4-21

1. Roll Call

Jim Van Dusen - Here
Brandi D'Amore - Here
Rosalind Helfand - Here
George Skarpelos - Here
Robert Morrison - Here
Susan Swan - Here
Cesar Cervera - Here

Jim Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM after technical problems involving Susan Swan's connection.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Van Dusen said that the minutes were duplicative and way too long; for committees he thinks they need to stick as close to the motions and decisions as possible. He also noted that under item 4, at the very end where it has the actual motion, the second, and the vote, it has the four yes and the four abstain. They have to put down "absent" Rosalind Helfand and Cesar Cervera.

Mr. Van Dusen motioned to approve with those changes. Cesar Cervera seconded.

Jim Van Dusen - Yes
Brandi D'Amore - Yes
Rosalind Helfand - Yes
George Skarpelos - Yes
Robert Morrison - Yes
Susan Swan - Yes
Cesar Cervera - Yes

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Stakeholder Steven A, referring to previous discussion, said in terms of potential conflict issues among the committee, they can remember that the point of having an NC is so people in proximity to the action can have a say, so they should weigh this against the conflict issue. Jim Van Dusen clarified that the conflict issue is covering committee members, not the general public. The general public can still have a say.

4. Discussion and possible motion for recommendation of a CIS of CF 21-0828, with special consideration of Alternative 1 as outlined in Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan / Environmental Impact Report / Infrastructure and Animal Facility Improvements or 21-0828 (CFMS) (lacity.org).

There was no public comment.

Jim Van Dusen motioned to recommend supporting the Friends of Griffith Park's position paper of October 12, 2021 supporting the alternative 1 recommendation in the EIR report, and that HUNC also supports alternative 1 in its entirety. Robert Morrison seconded.

Rosalind Helfand left at 7:30 PM and was not present for this vote.

Jim Van Dusen - Yes
Brandi D'Amore - Yes
Rosalind Helfand - Absent
George Skarpelos - Yes
Robert Morrison - Yes
Susan Swan - Yes
Cesar Cervera - Yes

Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible recommendation to board for a letter from HUNC formally requesting an

**Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Engineering
Department NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SIDEWALK
AND TRANSIT AMENITIES PROGRAM (STAP).**

A. Possible presentation by Scenic.org on the EIR

Jim Van Dusen: Brandi, you brought it too committee, all yours.

Brandi: Late 2019 or early 2020 our board heard and submitted a formal statement regarding the Bureau of Street Services decision to put in bus shelters that will have a significant digital media advertising component. Part of it is advertising the changes on a quick basis and advertisement is determined based on plugging into the data of the person sitting there. We had questions about the locations and privacy and use of the data, potential for traffic accidents from people being distracted, and epilepsy issues. We received a letter from STAP, bureau engineering's intent to move forward. Scenic.org reached out because they think it requires an EIR so they are asking for HUNC's support to reaffirm our position on this topic. If you need me to pull out the STAP letter, let me know.

Jim Van Dusen: So our motion was HUNC opposes resolution in above named council file because it does not afford enough input from NC's and they oppose the provisions for cell phone tracking because it can be shared for ad targeting. We request a full environmental impact report. Brandi: Here's the bureau of engineering's letter from October 14 about the negative declaration. Patrick White is here to present from Scenic about the need for an EIR.

Patrick White from Scenic presented about the need for a full EIR rather than just submitting a negative declaration. He would like HUNC to state that the negative declaration underestimates the distraction caused, underestimates power consumption, and an EIR needs to be done to assess it properly. That needs to be submitted by the 12th. He then answered questions about the nature of the project and the content and power usage of the digital screens that the project consists of.

Jim Van Dusen began drafting a letter:

HUNC does not support a mitigated negative declaration and requests a full EIR regarding this project. HUNC provided a CIS March 28, 2021, attached, stating a request for an EIR for this type of project. This request also refers to (and lists under Scenic LA) the fact that the project: 1. Seriously underestimates driver distraction, 2. Drastically underestimates power usage of shelter screens. HUNC also requests an extension of the comment period and for the EIR to include a review of passenger tracking on an opt-in basis only.

Brandi D'Amore motioned to send the letter. Susan Swan seconded.

Jim Van Dusen - Yes
Brandi D'Amore - Yes
Rosalind Helfand - Absent
George Skarpelos - Yes
Robert Morrison - Yes
Susan Swan - Yes
Cesar Cervera - Yes

Motion passed.

6. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore said that Jim Van Dusen and Robert Morrison need to do their ABLE training by the end of the month. Mr. Van Dusen said he already did it, and Ms. D'Amore told him to send her something proving he did it by the end of November. She also noted that the Marathon is the upcoming Sunday, and Hollywood Blvd will be shut down for a huge chunk of the day.

Robert Morrison reminded committee members and stakeholders that they approved an NPG for the roundabout a few months ago, and the project completion date is this month.

7. Old/Ongoing Business

None.

8. New/Future Business

Brandi D'Amore said that at 6223 Franklin Ave, they may have a new dispensary coming in, so she thinks they need to figure out a way to participate in that conversation. It's by a liquor store, and the Castle Argyle might be considered a protected service because it's low-income seniors. She has been told there's some concern about it going in close to the freeways (traffic impact) and close to residential areas.

Adjournment

Jim Van Dusen motioned to adjourn. Brandi D'Amore seconded. She clarified they do not need a motion on adjournment. Meeting adjourned by Jim Van Dusen at 8:12 PM.