

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

George Skarpelos, Voting Stakeholder
Susan Swan, Voting Stakeholder
Rosalind Helfand, Voting Stakeholder
Robert Morrison
Brandi D'Amore
Cesar Cervera, Voting Stakeholder
Jim Van Dusen, Chair



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 6:30 PM

Webinar ID: 845 0435 7879

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84504357879>

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Welcome

6:35 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Jim Van Dusen Brandi D'Amore Robert Morrison Rosalind Helfand George Skarpelos

Absent

Cesar Cervera Susan Swan

2. Approval of Minutes

A) May 2022

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve May '22 Minutes

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison

Abstain

George Skarpelos

B) April 2021

Jim Van Dusen made a statement to have them as minutes that would be problematic because of age of the documents. George Skarpelos suggests "draft minutes", yet Mr. Van Dusen is still uncomfortable with that. Mr. Skarpelos gives the background from his notes as he took them. Robert Morrison asked why we are putting them up. Mr. Skarpelos indicated requirement to do so.

By Consent all 2-b through 9 voted on in one item. However, not all board members were present to be able to vote on the minutes

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve April '21 Minutes

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison

C) March 2021

Robert Morrison was not on the PLUM committee until August '21, and would need to abstain from this point on in minutes

Motion passed.**Motion Made: Motion to approve March '21 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

D) February 2021

Motion passed.**Motion Made: Motion to approve February '21 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

E) January 2021

Motion passed.**Motion Made: Motion to approve January '21 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

F) December 2020

Motion passed**Motion Made: Motion to approve December '20 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

G) November 2020

Motion passed.**Motion Made: Motion to approve November '20 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

H) September 2017

Motion passed.**Motion Made: Motion to approve September '17 minutes****Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0**Yes**

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

I) August 2017

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve August '17 minutes

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-3, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Robert Morrison

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

None

Rosalind Helfand entered the meeting at 6:45PM

4. 6021 Hollywood Blvd. (Academy LA) - Discussion and potential motion on ZA-2022-20-ZV regarding a Zone Variance request to permit outdoor patron dancing and live entertainment from 11am – midnight on an existing 6,052 square foot outdoor patio with 136 seats in an R4 zone at an existing 20,502 SF nightclub.

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU0MDU40ZA-2022-20-ZV>

Patron dancing and live entertainment already permitted indoors per ZA-2005-7227 (CUB)(CUX). CUP renewal filed and under review ZA-2021-630(CUB)(CUX). Project re-scheduled for PLUM for further input per community request.

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Chair Jim Van Dusen requested if applicant was present. Applicant not present. He asked if we reviewed letter sent to committee. Mr. Van Dusen highlights that the applicant has postponed since February. He sets forth options to go forward, suggesting to approve CUB/CUX but not the Zoning Variance request.

Attendee Georgette Darby, representative and resident for The Villas at Gower spoke from the public. She indicated that the noise is unbearable and affects living aspects. She said that The Academy's last meeting with residents to create an arrangement was worked out but The Academy is asking City for more requests that agreed to between The Villas and The Academy such as no limitation on days or restrictions on decibel level, and that it operates still at detriment to residents. The Academy did not notify The Villas of any of the hearings to give input. On behalf of the property, she asks PLUM to reject zoning variance.

Committee decides to vote in denial of the ZV request with the reasons in the motion.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to deny 6021 Hollywood Blvd. (Academy LA) - on ZA-2022-20-ZV regarding a Zone Variance request to permit outdoor patron dancing and live entertainment from 11am – midnight on an existing 6,052 square foot outdoor patio with 136 seats in an R4 zone at an existing 20,502 SF nightclub.

Motion:

HUNC PLUM recommends to deny reject zoning variance request for essentially three reasons: 1) We have received negative community input on the operator's compliance with their agreement 2) Loss of residential zoning when we are in dire need of more housing 3) the applicant has continuously postponed their participation in the HUNC Planning and Land Use Management process, and shown a lack of commitment to participate with the neighborhood council process of consideration.

Motion: Robert Morrison **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-5, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison Rosalind Helfand

5. Discussion of Department of Planning Housing Element Letter of Determination Case No.: CPC-2022-2698-GPA

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J7qot75I4Yt_-dgMoUkiOne2qSriVWqk/view

Brandi D'Amore did an overview of the Housing Element (HE) and the attempt to get Planning to attend and the information that Planning provided.

Dick Platkin, a previous City Planner and current journalist for CityWatch, was brought up to give overview and highlighted the various ways the hasty amendments have faulty aspects, included lack of oversight, upzoning, the Community Plans integration on that etc.

Annie Gagen, representative of United Neighbors 4 LA (UN4LA) seconded his statements, thanking committee for hearing.

Robert Morrison asked about submission and CA enforcement aspect. Mr. Platkin says that grants are contingent on having an approved HE. Yet the HE has no detail on what programs, how the consequences are measured. Follow-up: having an approved plan,

but not following up on compliance.

Brandi D'Amore addressed Mr. Platkin's list of 10 suggestions regarding building, RSO, etc. Rosalind Helfand addressed the water issues that come up with maximizing housing with need to have water to match.

Motion Passed

Motion Made: Motion to recommend to Full Board a Community Impact Statement (CIS) om Department of Planning Housing Element Letter of Determination Case No.: CPC-2022-2698-GPA

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Motion: Jim Van Dusen

Second: Brandi D'Amore

Vote: Yes-5, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore

George Skarpelos

Jim Van Dusen

Robert Morrison

Rosalind Helfand

6. Discussion and possible motion on Council File 22-0158 Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 / Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones

Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0158_mot_2-09-22.pdf

Portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0158>

Annie Gagen gave her input on the City's committee vote on this Council File which may permit building in zones not currently permitted.

George Skarpelos wants both sides and a lot of outreach to encourage people to be present. Also, committee would like a representative from Council District 4 to be able to attend to explain its position.

Committee postpones until such time as CD4 can be present.

7. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore discusses Hollywood Dell Civic Association Summer Block Party event, requesting board members to attend for outreach. She also advises that Sheila Irani, President, would like a 6-month review of committee attainment of goals presented earlier in year to be presented at June Full Board.

George Skarpelos advises that the Dell Tones will be performing at HDCA event.

8. Old/Ongoing Business

None

9. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment at 8:08 PM

Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.