

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Thomas Daniels Valls
- Luis Saldivar, Voting Stakeholder
- Joseph Hill
- Brandi D'Amore, Vice Chair
- Bianca Cockrell, Chair



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Renters & Housing
Thursday, January 27, 2022, 6:00 PM
Webinar ID: 899 4733 0974
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89947330974>

Welcome

6:03 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Joseph Hill	Brandi D'Amore	Angel Izard	Bianca Cockrell	Thomas Daniels Valls
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Absent

Luis Saldivar

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion Made: Motion to approve November '21 Minutes

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Thomas Daniels Valls **Vote:** Yes-5, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Joseph Hill	Thomas Daniels Valls
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3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

None

4. Discussion and possible recommendation for Community Impact Statement (CIS) on council file 19-0603, with presentation and position of legislation by John Popoch of originating Councilmember Blumenfield's Office and position rebuttal by Nolan Gray, UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy (<https://www.pacificresearch.org/los-angeles-is-gearing-up-to-ban-wood-frame-construction-renters-will-soon-pay-the-price/>)

4. Presenters Nolan Gay (anti-) and John Popoch (legislative team/pro-) are not in attendance, so committee deliberated discussing motion. Bianca Cockrell asks about the timeliness of the file. Angel Izard says she understands motion and doesn't need to discuss twice. Brandi D'Amore pulls up council file: bottom line is the City is trying to make use of wood in planning structures illegal for both environmental and fire risks.

a. some policy planners say this will increase rents significantly, doesn't acknowledge renewability of wood is better than using concrete etc. (expensive, insulation aspects)

b. Debating hearing this item this meeting or next meeting, discussion continues

c. Ms. Izard: the crux of it is if you want buildings to be able to use wood, or just metal/concrete. all data she's found says wood is better for environment and cost of living. for her personally wood is better for environment for carbon emissions.

d. Ms. D'Amore says CIS would need to address both the construction aspect and validity of fire district being expanded

e. Ms. D'Amore says she asked presenters to provide written statements if they can't be here next month

f. Thomas Valls asks if they'll ban wooden furniture to make a point. B. D'Amore says the objectives are pure but there are groups without pure reasons that jump on and lobby

g. Joseph Hill asks the next steps: the committee would recommend or not a CIS. Ms. D'Amore emphasizes the importance of the committee being knowledgeable about the topic to speak to it at full board meetings in hopes meetings stay shorter

h. Ms. Izard says all of her environmental colleagues are against this, since concrete has more significant carbon emissions.

i. Mr. Valls asks about consideration of earthquake concerns with wood vs concrete/steel

j. Ms. D'Amore has learned through Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) there's not one material that is better than others for earthquakes: for example, brick is great against fire, bad for earthquakes

k. Mr. Valls says so many other concerns for fire: synthetic materials, curtains, etc. D'Amore says concrete is an effective barrier against fire

l. Ms. Bockrell says concern for cost, no mention of housing affordability. it would force using more expensive materials, developing more expensive

m. Ms. Izard has read fire deaths are so low in LA.

n. Ms. D'Amore is thanked for coordinating;. Izard is thanked for her intel.

5. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore mentions committee may need to adjust meeting time to make sure all can make it on time. Thomas Valls says he can work from home on Thursdays, so it's okay.

6. Old/Ongoing Business

Brandi D'Amore announced neighborhood suffered suicide jumper at Franklin and Argyle. If anyone is in distress, please encourage them to seek help.

Due to redistricting, in November HUNC area will have new Congressman and Assemblywoman, Ben Sherman and Wendy Carrillo respectively.

7. New/Future Business

At Sunday's (1/23) HUNC outreach it highlighted hitting more renter. To that end, HUNC is putting on a Ready Your LA Neighborhood event, and the City apartment folks to act as captains within their property. Please send property manager emails to Brandi D'Amore and/or advise renters of event and to advise their landlords.

Adjournment at 6:37 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.