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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee

Thursday, February 02, 2023, 6:30 PM

Webinar ID: 845 0435 7879

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

Recording exists

Welcome

6:31 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

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

2. Approval of Minutes

#4 edit to "committee members".

No public comment.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Approval of Minutes with edits under item 4.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** George Skarpelos **Result:** Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

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

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

No public comment.

4. Continuation from a prior month's PLUM meeting of the review and possible motion regarding 2332 N. Allview Terrace East/2371 N. Allview Terrace East: Project: Renovation & addition of a single family dwelling on a substandard street in a hillside/new construction of a detached ADU on a lot-tied adjacent property. Action Requested: Requesting a Zoning Administrator Determination per a Hillside Referral Form.

Applicant has postponed item.

5. Discussion, possible presentation by City Forest Advisory Council (CFAC) and possible recommendation for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File (CF) 22-1476 Highway Dedication / Waiver of Dedication and/or Improvement (WDI) Process / Administrative Findings / Street Design Standards / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.37

Council File Motion: . https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-1476_misc_11-22-22.pdf

CF Portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1476>

Joanne D'Antonio of the CFAC gave a presentation on current Planning ordinances for default street widening with development and the reason for this new council file.

After discussion Brandi D'Amore made the motion to approve the CIS with the addition that the Urban Forestry Division be included in the planning. Rosalind Helfand seconded.

CIS: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) supports the attached motion of the City of LA Planning & Land Use

Management Public Works to Council File Number 22-1476 with the request that the city's Urban Forestry Division be included in making the final decisions.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend in favor for a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File (CF) 22-1476 Highway Dedication / Waiver of Dedication and/or Improvement (WDI) Process / Administrative Findings / Street Design Standards / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.37

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Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Rosalind Helfand **Result:** Yes-5, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Cesar Cervera Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison Rosalind Helfand

No

George Skarpelos

6. Discussion and possible recommendation for a CIS on CF 20-1074 Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance by deadline of 2/24/23
Proposal: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1074_rpt_PLUM_03-01-22.pdf

Proposed CIS: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) supports efforts by the City of LA to streamline its disjointed planning process and plans such as the potential AI Fresco (AF) ordinance appear to be an attempt to do so. Because the AF proposal is so specialized, HUNC has concerns and recommendations regarding the program and process:

1. The original AF program was implemented in response to the COVID emergency to aid restaurants during the severe downturn of business, a program that HUNC has supported as a temporary measure during the pandemic. With the emergency now being lifted, it is unclear why there is a need for a permanent AF ordinance as procedures to implement outdoor dining currently exist.

2. The AF ordinance will be another layer of bureaucracy, further complicating the planning system due to the specialized nature of this program. The City's efforts at streamlining planning approval processes should be for the entire process and not for specialized, redundant programs.

3. HUNC recognizes that there is a value in AF dining but this proposed ordinance assumes that all outdoor dining areas are the same which is not the case. Each outdoor dining project should be separately reviewed and the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process remain in effect.

4. Existing CUP's should remain in effect and not overridden by a new AF ordinance.

5. There is sense that this program has been forced through the system with minimum transparency and that Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders will be excluded from the input process now and for any future AF approvals. Doing so will subvert the program and could lead to abuses.

6. HUNC supports the letter and questions posed from LA PLUM of March 1, 2022.

After discussion Jim Van Dusen made the motion to approve the CIS. Rosalind Helfand seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Motion passes

Motion Made: Discussion and possible recommendation for a CIS on CF 20-1074 to DENY Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance with caveats as discussed by deadline of 2/24/23

Proposal: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1074_rpt_PLUM_03-01-22.pdf

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Rosalind Helfand **Result:** Yes-4, No-2, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Cesar Cervera Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison Rosalind Helfand

No

Brandi D'Amore George Skarpelos

7. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

None

8. Old/Ongoing Business

Brandi D'Amore indicated that board may not be able to hear 1917 n. Bronson at Full Board as board members have not yet indicated if they have received their Conflict of Interest reviews.

9. New/Future Business

Brandi D'Amore indicated that La Poubelle would likely be new business as its Conditional Use Permit has been determined to be expired since 2019 and has submitted a new application for extended hours, expanded entertainment permissions and off-site alcohol sales.

Adjournment at 8:00 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.