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PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE**

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When: TUESDAY • December 16, 2008 • 6:30 p.m.
Where: Villa Flores • 1020 S. Flower Street • Los Angeles, CA 90015

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to order and roll call

Co-Chair Shiraz Tangri called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Committee members present: Shiraz Tangri, James Doizaki, Russell Brown, Scott Bytof, Bernard Chang, General Jeff, Gunnar Hand, Victor Moller, Mike Pfeiffer, David Poffenberger, Brady Westwater.

2. Public comment

No public comments were made at this time.

3. Presentation by Norma Fernández (LA Neighborhood Initiative) and Pat Smith and regarding Washington Boulevard Conceptual Plan Project

Presented by Oscar Ixco of the Community Redevelopment Agency and Norma Fernandez of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative. Project originated from a CRA community based grant from CalTrans for a pedestrian-friendly transit-safe corridor. CRA & LANI are actively seeking input and comments from stakeholders. Lance Collins of Studio One Eleven Architects presented the concepts for the project. Matthew Seng of Hunt Design Group presented signage and icon branding options. Comments received from the community include bike parking facilities, more effective lighting, shade providing trees, icon visibility, sidewalk setbacks, green street & landscaping options.

David Poffenberger moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Washington Boulevard Conceptual Plan project; seconded by Gunnar Hand. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by Brandon Finch (EPG) regarding application of The Edison bar/lounge for continued alcohol service, live entertainment and patron dancing at 108 W. 2nd Street

David Poffenberger recused himself from this discussion. Presented by Brandon Finch of EPG Inc., for the Edison Downtown Inc., the operator. Project consists of an existing 9,600sf bar/lounge located in the basement of the Edison Hotel. Applicant is seeking a renewal of an existing conditional use permit originally granted in 2006. Renewal is based upon serving beer and wine only for on-site consumption along with live entertainment and patron dancing. City Council does not oppose this application. LAPD does not oppose subject to meeting specific operating conditions for approval.

Russell Brown moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Edison Bar/lounge project at 108 W. 2nd Street; seconded by Co-Chair Tangri. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Update by Brandon Finch (EPG) regarding Belasco Theater nightclub project at 1050 S. Hill Street

This item was continued for a future meeting.

6. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding revision to existing CUB to add patron dancing for restaurant at 760 S. Hill Street

This item was continued for a future meeting.

7. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding CUB application for beer and wine sales at existing Famima market at 800 S. Figueroa Street

Presented by Brett Engstrom of Art Rodriguez & Associates, representing Famima markets, the developer. Project consists of an existing convenience market at Figueroa and 8th Street, Famima markets currently operates four locations in downtown Los Angeles. Applicant is seeking a conditional use permit for beer and wine sales for offsite consumption. City Council does not oppose providing they do not advertise alcohol sales and no single serving sales are allowed. LAPD does not oppose this application.

David Poffenberger moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Famima Market projects at 800 S. Figueroa Street and at 525 W. 6th Street; seconded by Russell Brown. Motion passed unanimously for both projects.

8. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding CUB application for beer and wine sales at existing Famima market at 525 W. 6th Street

Discussed and approved with Item #7.

9. Update by Urban Design Studio regarding Downtown Urban Design Guidelines

This item was continued for a future meeting.

10. Discussion of DLANC-area projects proposed for no position:

- i. 1000 W. Olympic Blvd. (DIR-2008-4772-SPP) – Sign for Regal Cinemas and Marriott Hotel Conference Center within LASED Specific Plan area.
- ii. 900 W. Olympic Blvd. (DIR-2008-4614-SPP) – Sign plan for convention center hotel within LASED Specific Plan area.
- iii. 777 W. Chick Hearn Court (DIR-2008-2584-INT) – LASED Specific Plan interpretation.

Co-Chair Tangri moved that on behalf of the DLANC Board, the Committee hereby votes to take No Position with respect to the applications filed with the LA City Planning Department listed in the table attached to the Agenda of this meeting; seconded by Brady Westwater. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion of proposed Development Standards and revisions to PLUC Evaluation Criteria and Guiding Principles

Co-Chair Tangri briefly updated the Committee on revisions to the Committee's Evaluation Criteria and Guiding Principles done by Gunnar Hand. A suggestion was made to merge both documents into one master working document, organized by category. The revised document will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

12. Update regarding PLUC website and related organizational issues

Co-Chair Tangri briefly updated the Committee on the status of the Committee's new website. The final version of the website design is complete and is tentatively set to go live by January 1.

13. Update regarding Historic Survey Map

A final revised version of the Historic Survey map has been completed and is ready for printing.

14. Approval of minutes from prior meeting on: November 18, 2008

This item was continued for a future meeting.

15. Future agenda items

Next meeting will be on Jan 20, 2009.

16. Board member comment

Westwater – Freeway Cap Park update. CRA has started looking into funding. Preliminary estimated cost of \$700-800 million.

17. Adjournment

At 9:40 pm the meeting was adjourned by consensus.