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When: WEDNESDAY • March 17, 2009 • 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Exchange • 114 W. 5th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90014

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to order and roll call

Co-Chair Shiraz Tangri called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Committee members present: Shiraz Tangri, James Doizaki, Russell Brown, Scott Bytof, General Jeff, Gunnar Hand, Mamta Patel, Mike Pfeiffer, Brady Westwater.

2. Public comment

No public comments were made at this time.

3. Discussion of presentation by Beth Sandor (Common Ground) regarding proposed purchase of Rosslyn Hotel at 114 W. 5th Street

Common Ground was the consultants for Project 50, which was a county project run by the Skid Row Housing Trust. A question was raised concerning whether existing work force housing will be compromised due to no additional work force housing being created from this project. After a brief discussion, this item was continued for a future meeting.

4. Presentation by John Stewart regarding request for beer and wine service at existing Showbiz Ribs restaurant at 520 W. 6th Street

The presenter was not available to give this presentation to the Committee. Committee members familiar with the subject restaurant discussed the project. After a brief discussion, Brady Westwater moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the restaurant project at 520 W. 6th Street, seconded by Mike Pfeiffer. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation by Brandon Finch (EPG) regarding proposed bar/lounge, restaurant and gourmet shop projects at Chapman Building at 752-754 S. Broadway/223 W. 8th Street

Presented by Elizabeth Peterson of EPG Inc. The subject building is comprised of market rate apartments that are currently 70% occupied with vacant ground floor retail space. Project consists of a proposed 5,980 sf restaurant space with outdoor dining and live entertainment, with a separate 900 sf bar/lounge space and a 1,500 gourmet shop space. The applicant is seeking a conditional use permit for a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in the restaurant and lounge space and a conditional use permit for off-site beer and wine sales for the gourmet space. This project is also a part of the Bringing Back Broadway initiative to revitalize the historic Theater district. The project has the support of City Council and LAPD. Mike Pfeiffer moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the restaurant, lounge and gourmet shop projects at the Chapman Building, seconded by Brady Westwater. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation by Ken Bernstein (Office of Historic Resources) regarding proposed amendments of Cultural Heritage Ordinance

Presented by Ken Bernstein of the City's Office of Historic Resources. This marks the first overhaul of the City's 1962 historic preservation program. There are 24 historic districts in the City of Los Angeles. The proposed amendment seeks to create a certificate of appropriateness for cultural monuments. There are currently over 900 historic monuments citywide. After discussion, this item was continued for a future meeting.

7. Update regarding proposed Grand Avenue Civic Park project

Co-Chair Tangri recused himself from the discussion. The City hosted a 3-day presentation for the proposed Grand Avenue Civic Park project, sponsored by the developers. Over 1,000 visitors attended the event, despite the lack of outreach to the public prior to the event.

8. Discussion of DLANC-area projects proposed for no position
 - a. 762 E. 12th Street – Preliminary parcel map for conversion of existing commercial property into 3-unit commercial condominium

Co-Chair Tangri moved that on behalf of the DLANC Board of Directors, the Committee hereby votes to take No Position with respect to the projects filed with the City's Planning Department and attached as a table to the back of the meeting minutes, seconded by Russell Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Brief update on re-designation of 14th Street between Hooper Avenue and Central Avenue from a Secondary Highway to a local street, and proposed street vacation

This item was continued for a future meeting.

10. Brief discussion of proposed revisions to City sign ordinance and related interim control ordinance

The proposed revision to the current sign ordinance has been sent to the City attorney for review.

11. Brief update regarding DLANC and PLUC websites and related organizational issues

The web designer is currently working on the new DLANC website. A functional mock up should be available for the Committee to review by the next meeting.

12. Brief discussion regarding distribution of Historic Survey Map

The final printed version of the map was distributed to Board members and interested public members at the March DLANC Board meeting.

13. Brief update on Bringing Back Broadway and related streetscape design project

The design charrette is currently under development with methods of public outreach under consideration.

14. Approval of minutes from prior meeting on: February 25, 2009

This item was continued for the next meeting.

15. Future agenda items

Next meeting scheduled for April 21 at the Exchange.

16. Board member comment

No Board member comments were made at this time.

17. Adjournment

At 8:50 pm the meeting was adjourned by consensus.