Land Use and Economic Development Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 7:00 pm
Robertson Recreation Center
1641 Preuss Road, Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Vice-Chair Victoria Martin called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Victoria Martin, Beth Hirsch, Terrence Gomes, Leo Portal, Jon Liberman, and Doug Fitzsimmons.

Community Committee Members Present: Ellen Lanet.

Committee Members Absent: Aimee Zeltzer, Michoel Bloom, Susan Burden, Victor Mitry, and Elizabeth Billet.

Guests: None.

II. General Public Comment
None.

III. New Business

1. Discussion of current Committee protocols and policies.

   There was discussion of current Committee protocols, which are not formalized. Chair Terrence Gomes currently has sole responsibility for Applicant packets, deciding which Applicants to call, and following up with Applicants.

   a. Discussion of how Committee evaluates and decides which proposed projects/Applicants come before LUED, i.e. by-right v. discretionary actions, and appropriate questions to ask Applicants.

   There was discussion about the types of projects that should come before the Committee and no consensus on whether to evaluate all proposed projects — by right and discretionary, selective by-right projects and all discretionary actions, or discretionary actions only.

   There was discussion of a general SORO NC board policy that the SORO NC will oppose any project/development in SORO until the Applicant comes before the LUED Committee and notifies stakeholders. SORO NC will request CD-5 and CD-10 to please support our new policy.

   Committee will post a public schedule for Applicants to follow on SORO NC LUED page that has categories of what to submit to Committee, i.e. documents, Committee questionnaire, and checklist.

   b. Discussion of public speaker and Applicant time limits and need for a meeting timekeeper.
There was discussion of public speaker time cards and limits depending on how many members of the public are present, but time limits should be between 2-5 minutes for members of the public.

There was discussion about need for a meeting timekeeper, but unclear who will keep time.

Applicants will have 30 minutes total to present.

c. Discussion of Code of Conduct, i.e. no cross talking.

Code of Conduct was discussed. Chair Terrence Gomes has the authority during meetings to stop cross talk and to decide who speaks and in what order.

d. Process for Applicant packet distribution, reading packets, and contacting Applicants.

Chair Terrence Gomes currently reviews the packets and contacts Applicants. There was discussion of having Applicants electronically submit everything to Chair and Vice-Chair who will email to entire Committee in advance of meetings.

e. Discussion and review of current Applicant questionnaire and timeline for Applicant to fill out and e-mail questionnaire to Committee.

There was discussion of the current questionnaire which needs to be revised. Applicant needs to submit everything to Committee two weeks in advance of presentation.

f. Formalizing protocols and policies to be voted on by SORO NC and posted publicly on SORO NC LUED Committee page.

Once policies and protocols are fleshed out and voted on by Committee, they will be presented to the Board to be voted on and posted publicly.

There was discussion of a protocol for public presentations.

1. Applicant presents - 10-15 minutes
2. Public comments to Committee, which are in writing regarding Applicant - 2 minutes
3. Committee discussion - 10 minutes
4. Technical questions to Applicant from Committee - 1 minute
5. Motion
6. Discussion and debate

g. Committee member attendance and policy for non-attendance.

Tabled to next meeting.

2. Discussion on additional training for new Committee members.
Tabled to next meeting.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm