



LUED Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 6:30pm
Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor
1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jon Liberman (in absence of Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Krystal Návar, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Beth Hirsch, Ken Blaker

Community Committee Members Present: Linda Theung

Committee Members Absent: Terrence Gomes, Doug Fitzsimmons, Marjan Safinia, Martin Epstein, Susan Burden, Victor Mitry, Ellen Lanet, Michael Bloom, Giovanni Ferdinand, Aimee Zeitzer, Michael Bitton

Guests: Charlie Stein

II. General Public Comment

Community members present introduced themselves. In attendance were

- Carol Eisner, Crestview resident
- Chris Klatman, Crestview resident
- Marilyn Schneider, Beverlywood resident
- Grace Kamins, Beverlywood resident
- Nancy, Beverlywood resident

Barry Levine brought up concern regarding two 150-year-old trees located at Cadillac and Halm that have been marked to be removed for sidewalk repairs. An additional tree may be removed to allow the sidewalk to be repaired to comply with ADA. Barry expressed concern that more trees on Cadillac could be removed to allow for further sidewalk repairs. Barry will follow up with the arborist to see if the trees can be saved.

Marilyn Schneider brought up two trees that had been removed in front of a new construction project on Kirkside Rd, between Bagley Ave and Beverly Dr in Beverlywood. The contractor hired to remove the trees told her that the tree had diseased branches and that is why it was being removed. Jon Liberman recommended this issue be brought before the Green Team Committee. Carol Eisner expressed that a second opinion of the arborist's determination should be required.

III. Old Business

- a. **Update on creation of a Business Improvement District for Pico**
Jon Liberman pushed this item to the next meeting, as there were no interested stakeholders in attendance.

IV. New Business

- a. **Nomination and election of Land Use Officers**
Candidates: Krystal Návar as Chair and Jon Liberman and Terry Gomes as Co-Chairs
Vote: 4-Krystal Návar (Linda Theung, Barry Levine, Krystal Návar, Beth Hirsch), 2-Jon Liberman and Terry Gomes (Jon Liberman, Ken Blaker), 0- A. Krystal Návar voted new Chair.

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To be confirmed by Full Board at meeting on July 21, 2016.

- b. **Discussing and possible action on SORO residential concerns regarding Planning Department guidelines on Mansionization**
Public Comment: Five Beverlywood and Crestview residents spoke, expressing their concern regarding a variety of issues concerning mansionization in their neighborhoods. Marilyn Schneider, at 2124 Bagley, expressed her concern regarding the 15% floor area bonus allowed under Beverlywood's current Interim Control Ordinance (ICO). She would like for Beverlywood to be within the City's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO), not the ICO. Another resident expressed her concern that affordable housing is being destroyed and middle-income families are no longer able to afford to purchase homes in the neighborhoods surrounding Beverlywood. Another resident stated that the Beverlywood HOA design review board has received 16 new-home applications in the past month (compared to 1-2 typical.) Jon Liberman requested that the speakers address the issue of mansionization from an economic point of view. Carol Eisner requested that SORO NC write a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the BMO amendment. She also passed out copies of the PICO NC's CIS. Marilyn requested the committee come up with common threads about maintaining community character and not endorse massing and loss of light and privacy. Public comment was closed.

Committee Discussion: Linda Theung suggested the City's survey regarding massing, light, and privacy be posted on the SORO NC website and that the NC collect data regarding the specific opinions of SORO's neighborhoods. Charlie Stein stated that this could be addressed at a future Outreach committee meeting. Barry Levine recommended the committee support the same points outlined in PICO NC's CIS. Beth Hirsch expressed concern that the restrictions would inhibit progress. Linda recommended the committee come up with a checklist of those points of the BMO amendment that it support and those that it does not. Beth moved to form a working group to develop language to take to the Full Board. Ken Blaker seconded. **Vote: 5-Y (Beth Hirsch, Krystal Návar, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Linda Theung), 1-N (Barry Levine), 0-A. Item approved.**

- c. **Discussing and possible action for items under the jurisdiction of the SORONC LUED.**
Item 1: Barry Levine raised the possibility of forming a Bike Path Committee. This committee would study the feasibility of an alternate method of paving the sidewalks/bike paths that would be laid over existing tree roots along Cadillac, between Pico and La Cienega.

Item 2: Beth Hirsch raised the possibility of Verizon suing the City to challenge the Zoning Administrator's ruling that Verizon could not install a cell tower at 2512 Robertson. Veronica de la Cruz Robles, the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Prosecutor, will keep a look out for the lawsuit and let the committee know when it is filed. Beth recommended preparing a letter to send to the City Attorney in the advent a lawsuit is filed. Beth recommended placing this item on a future agenda for further discussion after doing some research with the City Attorney. Barry recommended having the City Attorney attend the committee meeting where this is discussed to provide advice.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.