



LUED Committee Minutes

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Krystal Návar called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

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

Community Committee Members Present: Ellen Lanet

Committee Members Absent: Michael Bitton, Michael Bloom, Sue Burden, Martin Epstein, Giovanni Ferdinand, Doug Fitzsimmons, Terrence Gomes, Beth Hirsch, Victor Mitry, Marjan Safinia, Charlie Stein, Linda Theung, Aimee Zeitzer

Guests: None

II. General Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Old Business

a+b. Draft meeting minutes of July 6, 2016 & August 2, 2016

Jon moved to approve the minutes; Barry seconded. **Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

c. Update on discussion and possible action on the creation of a Business Improvement District for the Pico corridor

Jon moved to remove this item from the agenda and await an update from Terry Gomes or Michael Bloom; Ken seconded. **Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

d. Discussion and possible action on a draft ordinance by the Department of City Planning regulating short term rentals (e.g. via Airbnb)

Ellen asked why the CIS language was not specific to the South Robertson Neighborhoods. Ken replied that the intention was to make the ordinance malleable. Jon noted that one issue discussed during the working group was not included in the CIS: to include an automatic sunset law – the ordinance should cease when funding ceases. Ellen suggested that, rather than stating that 100% of the taxes should be applied toward enforcement, the CIS should be reworded to state that 100% of the enforcement should be paid for by the taxes generated from the ordinance. Ellen suggested the CIS language should clarify the wording of the maximum cap on licenses issued. Barry moved to approve the draft with two changes: to include language on an automatic sunset law and to revise the language to say that 100% of the enforcement should be paid for by the taxes generated from the ordinance; Jon seconded. **Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

e. Discussion and possible action for Mercy Housing 8862-8866 W Pico Blvd

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Erika Villablanca presented an update on the project status. The project was submitted for entitlements in May. City Planning comments have been issued. The staff report is yet to be issued. A joint hearing will be held in either September or October. A community meeting will be held on September 27th. Ellen stated she would attend. Funding for an additional level of underground parking is being reviewed by the Council District office. No public comment. Erika to send City Planning comments to the advisory committee, consisting of Jon, Ellen, and Terry. Ellen recommended studying further the turnaround in the parking garage.

IV. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on revised application for Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy 1016-1046 S Corning St**
Stacey Brenner (Consultant), Aaron Marzwell (Building Committee), Sheryl Goldman (Executive Director), and Alyssa (Building Committee) presented. Stacey stated that the 2012 application included subterranean parking, which proved to be too costly due to a high water table. The current plan involves expanding the campus buildings for the existing enrollment. There are no plans to increase enrollment. Sheryl explained that open, flexible space is needed for project-based learning. In 2012, Pressman owned 3 parcels on the corner. In 2014, they acquired 3 more lots for surface parking. In 2016, they developed a Middle School campus plan, which is being presented. No public comment. Jon asked if they have received responses from neighbors. Sheryl said she has been in contact with neighbors. Ellen expressed her support of Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy's outreach efforts. Ellen suggested to invite the neighbors to a future LEUD meeting. Stacey requested a recommendation from the LUED committee to the general board to issue a letter of support for the project. Stacey to mark up the 2012 Conditions of Approval to indicate which conditions still apply to the current project and send to committee. Stacey stated that the MND will be submitted the following week, after which is a 20-day review period. Ken inquired if there is extra parking for events. Sheryl stated there is a tennis court parking lot on the corner and an empty lot across the street that is used for event parking. Ellen requested site sections to show heights of buildings in relation to context. The ZA hearing will be held in November. The next LUED meeting to be held on Monday, September 26th. Krystal recommended notices be sent to neighbors within a 500-foot radius prior to the next meeting.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on developing a plan to identify vacant or under-utilized properties on Robertson Blvd (such as 2668 Robertson) to begin a discussion with the Council District office regarding the best use for these lots**
Jon recommended finding out who the owners of the vacant lots are. Krystal committed to looking up this information.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.