



LUED Committee Minutes

Monday, September 26, 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 6:43pm.

Board Committee Members Present: Ken Blaker, Sue Burden, Jon Liberman, Krystal Návar, Charlie Stein

Community Committee Members Present: Ellen Lanet

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

Guests: None

II. General Public Comment

General board announcement: Committee members are not permitted to speak about an issue during public comment. Any committee member who wishes to speak during public comment would need to remove themselves from the committee to do so. According to the SORO NC bylaws, this action would permanently remove the individual from the committee. If the individual wished to remain on the committee, the board would need to reinstate the individual to the committee.

III. Old Business

a. Draft meeting minutes of September 6, 2016

Ellen requested that language be added that reflects her support of Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy's outreach efforts. Jon moved to approve the minutes with the additional language; Ken seconded. **Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

b. Discussion and possible action on revised language for attachment to SORO NC's Baseline Mansionization Ordinance Amendment Community Impact Statement (CIS)

Public comments were submitted online and via email by several community members who were not able to attend the committee meeting. These statements were read aloud by committee members. Statements were submitted from Marilyn Lee Schneider, Grace DeFato Kamins, Carol Eisner, and Deni Mosser. Ellen commented that the agenda item should have been clearer in that the discussion was to only focus on the letter attached to the CIS. Ellen then stated her opinion on a number of points listed in the CIS itself, including that the FAR should be .45 regardless of lot size so that the amount of open space is proportionately the same for each lot and that the square footage of an attached garage should not be exempt from the total building area. Charlie moved to accept the revised draft letter; Jon seconded. **Vote: 4-Y (Krystal, Jon, Ken, Charlie), 1-N (Ellen), 1-A (Sue). Item approved.**

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- c. **Discussion and possible action on revised application for Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy at 1016-1046 S Corning St**
Stacey Brenner (Consultant) and Aaron Marzwell (Building Committee) presented. The applicant noticed residents within a 300-foot radius and held a community meeting at Temple Beth Am on Wednesday, September 21st, which three residents attended. Stacey submitted four letters of support. Stacey requested a recommendation from the committee to present to the full board. Jon requested that the mitigation measures included in the previously issued 2012 Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be considered and addressed with the revised project. The MND (and mitigation measures) for the revised project application has not yet been issued. Ellen suggested that the committee's support of the project be contingent on the applicant's compliance with the mitigation measures of the revised MND. Stacey presented changes that had been made to the project to address concerns raised by neighbors during the community meeting, including blocking the view of the parking lot from Corning St with an 8-foot wall and planting, relocating the gym from the 3rd level of the classroom building to the 2nd level above the surface parking (reducing the height of the classroom building from 3 stories to 2 stories), and increasing the side yard setback for the classroom building at the neighboring home from 5 feet to 10 feet. The 8-ft wall would be part of the first phase, but the gym would likely be part of the second phase due to limits in available funding. Two neighbors spoke during public comment. The first commenter requested a 15-foot side yard setback at the neighboring home and submitted a log of complaints issued to Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy over the past two years. Jon requested the applicant provide a log of complaints and correspondence. The second commenter inquired as to the landscaping that would be provided in front of the 8-foot wall on Corning St. and expressed concern regarding parents parking on Corning St. A third commenter, Executive VP from Temple Beth Am/Pressman Academy, stated how frequently he receives calls from apartment developers to purchase properties. It was also mentioned that notices have been sent out to all Pressman Academy parents to not drive on Corning St. Jon moved to bring forward to board, with provisional acceptance contingent on reviewing the revised MND; Ellen seconded. **Vote: 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

IV. New Business

- a. **Discussion and possible action on 3-home small lot subdivision at 6075 Hargis St; AA-2016-2816-PMLA-SL; ENV-2016-2817-CE**
Prior to the presentation, Jon announced that one of the people involved in the project is his neighbor, but that Jon has no financial involvement in the project. Krystal also announced that the applicants are former clients of hers, but that she has no financial involvement in the project. The architects from Studio BWA presented the project. They are not requesting any variances or adjustments in their application. The applicants requested support from the committee. Ken commented that the neighbor to the west would lose morning light. Jon commented that he thought the cantilevers looked strange. It was noted that the cantilevers are typical of a small lot project. Charlie moved to support the project; Jon seconded. **Vote: 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.