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JOINT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call.

Planning Co-chair Tangri called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Planning Committee Members Present: Bernard Chang, Glenn Epstein, Matthew Klekner, Victor Moller, Darshann Padilla, Shiraz Tangri, Brady Westwater.

Others Present: Victor Franco, Ted Greaton, Kathleen McMullin, Stanley Michaels, Benjamin Pezillo, Mike Pfeiffer, Richard Smith.

2. Presentation by Victor Franco, Jr. of Ek & Ek regarding proposed market at 116-120 East 5th Street.

Victor Franco provided the background on the market project on 5th Street. The current owners purchased the business in early 2007, and received a notice that City Planning was commencing proceedings to revoke the CUB permit for the property. The revocation action was brought as a result of the poor operation by the prior business owners, who received over 40 violation notices from the California Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC).

The current owners have not received any violations since they commenced operations, and would like an opportunity to demonstrate that they can run a safe and responsible business. However, they believe it is not possible to operate a financially viable business without the sale of alcohol. They have proposed the following conditions: (1) no single-sales of alcohol and addition of food items to market, (2) install additional external lighting and external surveillance camera equipment, (3) employ a trained and screened security guard, (4) remove signage and other window obstructions, (5) STAR training for all employees, and (6) prevention of gathering of large groups inside the store or loitering within 50' feet of the store.

Following discussion, Co-chair Tangri made the following motion:

While the Planning Committee is encouraged by the proposed conditions listed in Ek & Ek's May 7, 2007 letter, and recommends that the business owner implement all listed conditions voluntarily as soon as possible, DLANC will continue to gather information in the next 45 days regarding the project to determine whether other conditions should be imposed prior to DLANC's considering a motion of support.

Seconded by Brady Westwater, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public comment.

No public comments were offered.

4. Board member comment.

Co-chair Tangri noted that the Planning Committee will likely have two additional meetings in May.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.