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When: TUESDAY • October 21, 2008 • 6:30 p.m.

Where: Villa Flores • 1020 S. Flower Street • Los Angeles, CA 90015

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to order and roll call

Co-Chair Shiraz Tangri called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Committee members present: Shiraz Tangri, James Doizaki, Russell Brown, Scott Bytof, Bernard Chang, Gunnar Hand, Victor Moller, Mamta Patel, Mike Pfeiffer, David Poffenberger, Brady Westwater.

2. Public comment

No public comments were made at this time.

3. Update by Brandon Finch (EPG) regarding application for bar/lounge with alcohol service, live entertainment and public dancing at art gallery at 710 S. Santa Fe Avenue (ZA-2008-3108-CUB-CUX)

This item was continued for a future meeting.

4. Presentation by Darin James Doell regarding CUB application for beer and wine service for proposed restaurant at 518 W. 7th Street (ZA-2008-1716-CUB)

Presented by James Doell of Maison Metro representing the developer. Project consists of a 150 patron restaurant space with an outdoor patio area. The applicant is seeking a CUB permit for serving beer and wine for on-site consumption. No live entertainment or dancing. No opposition by City Council office. Proposed restaurant space to open by January.

Brady Westwater moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the restaurant project at 518 W. 7th Street; seconded by David Poffenberger. Motion passed: Yes - 9, Abstain - 1

5. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding CUB application for beer and wine service for Yen Sushi restaurant at California Market Center at 110 E. 9th Street (ZA-2008-2194-CUB)

Presented by Brett Engstrom of Art Rodriguez & Associates representing the owner. Project site is the Yen Sushi restaurant, an existing 77 seat 2,400 sf restaurant space. The applicant is seeking a CUB permit for serving beer and wine for on-site consumption. No live entertainment or dancing. No opposition by City Council office.

Brady Westwater moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Yen Sushi project at 110 E. 9th Street; seconded by David Poffenberger. Motion passed: Yes - 9, Abstain - 1

6. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding CUB application for beer and wine sales at existing Famima market at 710 W. Wilshire Blvd. (ZA-2008-4192-CUB)

Presented by Brett Engstrom of Art Rodriguez & Associates representing the owner. Family Mart or Famima has 10 locations in the Southland and is a major operator of convenience stores in Asia. The applicant is seeking a CUB permit for off-site beer and wine sales. No opposition from City Council office. No opposition from LAPD subject to certain conditions including no single serve sales.

Co-Chair Tangri moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Famima market projects at 710 W. Wilshire Blvd and 350 S. Grand Avenue; seconded by David Poffenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation by Brett Engstrom regarding CUB application for beer and wine sales at existing Famima market at 350 S. Grand Avenue (ZA-2008-2250-CUB)

Presented and approved with agenda item #6.

8. Presentation by King Woods regarding Belasco Theater nightclub project at 1050 S. Hill Street (ZA 2008-2464-ZV)

Presented by King Woods representing the developers Christina & John Kim for the owner. Project site consists of the existing Belasco Theater which has been dormant and vacant for the last 20 years. The applicant is seeking a new CUB/X application for live entertainment and patron dancing, and dispensing a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. Previous permit granted in 2000 with a 5 yr term but was never activated. The developers envision a revitalized venue for entertainment, religious events, weddings, conferences and other activities. Estimated cost of renovation over \$5 million. No input from LAPD and City Council office.

After a brief discussion, the Committee requested that the applicant solicit input from the LAPD and City Council office as well as neighboring stakeholders, and provide a security plan and operating history for further consideration at a future meeting.

9. Presentation by Deborah Kahen of LA City Planning Department regarding revised River Implementation Overlay (RIO) guidelines

Presented by Deborah Kahen of the City Planning Department. There are currently 12 community plan areas along the Los Angeles River. There will be the 2nd circulation of the MND. Written comments are due by Oct 27, and public hearings will be held on December 12 & 15. The proposed new guidelines will apply to all new public and private projects except for single family. Watershed, urban design and mobility are viewed as key guidelines, as well as Green Street standards with potential mitigation measures for the RIO. The Planning department will hold a kickoff meeting for the Green Building program on Oct 28 @ 1:30pm.

10. Presentation by Kathleen McMullen regarding CUB application for beer and wine sales at existing Wood Spoon restaurant at 107 W. 9th Street (ZA-2008-3885-CUB)

Presented by Kathleen McMullen for the owner of the Wood Spoon, a Brazilian cuisine restaurant. The applicant is seeking a CUB permit for serving beer and wine for on-site consumption.

Brady Westwater moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the Wood Spoon project at 107 W. 9th Street; seconded by David Poffenberger. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion of DLANC-area projects proposed for no position:

- i. 1050 W. Wilshire Blvd. (DIR-2008-3951-SPP) – Signage compliance review pursuant to Central City West Specific Plan.
- ii. 138 N. Beaudry Avenue (DIR-2008-2385-SPP) – Signage compliance review pursuant to Central City West Specific Plan for Canvas LA Apartments

Co-Chair Tangri moved that on behalf of the DLANC Board, the Committee hereby votes to take No Position with respect to the applications filed with the LA City Planning Department listed in the table attached to the Agenda of this meeting; seconded by Brady Westwater. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Update regarding PLUC website and related organizational issues

Bernard Chang submitted the revised logo for the Committee's review, the final version will be in green. The proposed PLUC website is intended to be user friendly for postings as well as searching, with related documents and files linked to each project or topic. A working preliminary site to be available by next meeting.

13. Update regarding Historic Survey Map

Presented by Jennifer Mapes, USC graduate student and PLUC intern. Jennifer submitted the 2nd revision of the historic resources map for the Committee's review. Comments offered include; incorporating the new Committee logo on the map, higher quality pictures of historic buildings, as well as different color and font scheme suggestions.

14. Approval of minutes from prior meetings on: July 23, 2008; August 27, 2008 and September 25, 2008

Brady Westwater moved approval of the minutes from the July and August meetings, Co-Chair Tangri seconded. Motion passed unanimously with absent members deemed abstaining.

15. Future agenda items

Gunnar Hand – offered to review and revise the Committee criteria guidelines.

16. Board member comment

Russell Brown – submitted requirements for the DLANC office, solicited assistance in finding a space.

17. Adjournment

At 9:35 pm, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.