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When: MONDAY • September 14, 2009 • 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Exchange • 114 W. 5th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90014

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to order and roll call

Co-Chair Shiraz Tangri called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Committee members present: Shiraz Tangri, Russell Brown, Gunnar Hand, Brady Westwater, General Jeff, Tammy Billings, Mamta Patel, Simon Hua, Valerie Watson, Bernard Chang and James Doizaki

Unexcused Absence: N/A

Excused Absence: Scott Bytof, Mike Pheiffer and Tanner Blackman

2. Public comment

No Public Comment.

3. Presentation by Veronica Becera (Rabuild Commercial) and Ruben Islas (Rosslyn Commercial LLC) regarding Rosslyn Lofts proposed bar/lounge project at 111 W. 5th Street (CUB-CUX)

Proposal includes one Cigar Bar (2,100 square feet) and one Billiards Lounge (4,800 square feet) on the mezzanine level of the building. The applicant is requesting the hours of operation be from 11:00 am to 2:00 am. The City Council District 9 and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) have been consulted with regarding the project. The applicant is currently working with the County's Health Department regarding ventilating the Cigar Bar. The project is also looking into valet parking. After a brief discussion, Gunnar Hand moved that the Committee write a letter of support for the project, subject to the conditions from the LAPD, Council District 9, and other health related conditions; seconded by General Jeff. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by Manny Diaz (FE Design) regarding request for beer and wine service at The Nickel Diner at 524 S. Main Street (ZA-2009-2565-CUB)

This item was moved to the next scheduled DLANC PLUC meeting.

5. Update by Chris Murray (Rosenheim & Associates) regarding CUB application and related appeal on The Firehouse at 710 S. Santa Fe Street (ZA-2008-3108-CUB-CUX)

The applicant seeks to resubmit an application for a restaurant (5,000 square feet) on the first floor of the building. Previous application was denied on appeal due to community opposition of dancing and entrainment component, as well as parking concerns. New application will not host special events and will not have a dance floor. The applicant is currently in discussions with the adjacent property (American Apparel) for valet parking. No action was taken; information only.

6. Update regarding hearing on CUB/CUX application for Le Mystere at 610 E. 7th Street (ZA-2009-710-CUB-CUX-CU)

This item was continued from the last PLUC meeting. The applicant seeks to develop a karaoke bar and lounge. The intended use is still unclear as it appears to be a large club with individual rooms. The proposed project is in the LAPD's Newton Division, but LAPD Central Division is in opposition. At the last hearing, the Central City East Association (CCEA) and LAPD as well as Council District 14 were all in opposition of the project. Many issues regarding the project are still unresolved, including a parking plan and security plan. No action was taken; information only.

7. Update by Morris Goldman regarding CUB/CUX application for the Tower Theatre project at 8-- S. Broadway (ZA-2009-937-CUB-CUX)

This item was moved to the next scheduled DLANC PLUC meeting.

8. Update on Park 101 Freeway Cap project

Brady Westwater provided a brief overview of the project. The project involves nearly 100 percent publicly owned land around the Freeway, and Caltrans has taken the lead as the project's main proponent. After a brief discussion, Shiraz Tangri moved that the Committee seek Board authority to write future letters of support for the project as funding opportunities arise; seconded by Brady Westwater. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of minutes from prior meeting: August 18, 2009

Shiraz Tangri moved that the meeting minutes be approved; seconded by James Doizaki. Gunnar Hand and Tammy Billings abstain. Motion passed.

10. Future agenda items. Next meeting scheduled for October 20, 2009

Tammy Billings briefly presented a request to amend the Sports and Entertainment District Specific Plan.

11. Board member comment

No comment.

12. Adjournment

At 8:35 pm the meeting was adjourned by consensus.