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## DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLANNING & LAND USE COMMITTEE

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**When: TUESDAY • February 24, 2010 • 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 James Doizaki called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

**Committee members present:** Co-Chair James Doizaki, Russell Brown, Gunnar Hand, Simon Ha, Bernard Chang, General Jeff, and Tanner Blackman

**Unexcused Absence:** Mike Pfeiffer and Mamta Patel

**Excused Absence:** Brady Westwater, Valerie Watson, Shiraz Tangri, and Tammy Billings

2. Public comment

No public comment.

3. Presentation by Mehran Karda (Farid Restaurant) regarding CUB application for beer and wine service for an existing restaurant at 635 S. Broadway (ZA-2009-1069-CUB).

The project applicant, Mehran Karda (Farid Restaurant) presented the proposed project that would allow on-site beer and wine sales at the existing restaurant. The entrance of Farid Restaurant is located on St. Vincent's court, and has been in existence for the past 10 years. The ZA has continued this project due to improper site posting of the hearing date. The restaurant has indoor seating, and limited outdoor seating. The concern is that all outdoor seating on St. Vincent's alley is not permitted, and if this project were to proceed it could initiate a crackdown on some of these other restaurants in the alley who only have outdoor seating. The Committee suggested that the applicant reach out to the LAPD, Council District 14, and adjacent property owners.

After a brief discussion, the project was continued to the next regularly scheduled PLUC meeting and the Committee asked the applicant to bring the additional information requested as well as a site plan.

4. Presentation by Dorothy Kwok (Euphoria Design House) regarding CUB application for a new restaurant at 600 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (ZA-2009-3356-CUB).

The project's applicant, Chuck Lau (Euphoria Design House), presented the proposed project for a new French restaurant, Le Ka', that would allow the on-site sale of a full line of alcohol. The restaurant is approximately 6,500 square feet and located in the ground floor space on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Flower Streets in the old Crocker Bank building. The project includes 140 total seats with some outdoor patio seating. The building includes 200 parking spaces on-site, and the restaurant will provide a valet service. There is no live entertainment proposed, but the applicant did say they hope to one day have a violinist and some ambient music provided throughout the restaurant. The applicant is proposing to be open from 6:00 am to 4:00 am daily. The proposed project is being undertaken by the owner of the Wokano restaurant chain. The applicant has no hearing date, and they have not yet approached the LAPD or Council District 9 regarding the project.

After a brief discussion, Tanner Blackman moved that the Committee write a letter of support for the project, subject to the conditions from the LAPD and Council District 9; Bernard Chang seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation by Jim Ries (Craig Lawson) regarding CUB application for a new restaurant at 1080 W. Wilshire Blvd (ZA-2010-185-CUB).

Talin Masisdian of Glo Apartments and the project's applicant, Alex Irvine (Craig Lawson), presented the proposed project for a new restaurant that would allow the on-site sale of a full line of alcohol and the off-site sale of wine only. The project proposes to allow wine to be bought through its take-out and delivery service. The 3,000 square feet restaurant would contain 56 interior seats and 20 outdoor seats in an approximately 237 square feet outdoor area. The applicant is simultaneously seeking a B permit to widen the sidewalk 7 feet into Wilshire Boulevard. The outdoor seating area is contingent on the approval of the B permit. In addition, the B permit would benefit the adjacent Starbucks coffee shop in that if approved, Starbucks would also implement their pre-approved outdoor seating area. The project proposed live entertainment with no dance floor intended for ambient music for the restaurant. The Committee suggested an end to outdoor noise by 10:00 pm nightly. The restaurant is proposing to be open from 7:00 am to 12:00 am Sunday through Wednesday and 7:00 am to 2:00 am Thursday through Saturday. There are five dedicated parking spaces within the Glo apartment building. Currently the LAPD and Council District 1 are drafting their letters regarding the project. A public hearing date is set for March 24, 2010.

After a brief discussion, Russell Brown moved that the Committee write a letter of support for the project, subject to the conditions from the LAPD and Council District 1 with an additional condition to limit to outdoor amplified noise by 10:00pm; Bernard Chang seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation by Sergio Dovarro regarding CUB renewal for an existing restaurant at 1119 S. Olive Street (ZA-2010-218-CUB-CUX).

Without discussion, the project was continued to the next regularly scheduled PLUC meeting in order to allow the applicant to present the project.

7. Discussion of DLANC area projects proposed for no position:
  - a. 728 S. Hill Street – categorical exemption – Historical cultural monument
  - b. 322 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – categorical exemption – Historical cultural monument
  - c. 631 S. Hill Street – categorical exemption – Historical cultural monument

After a brief discussion, Russell Brown moved that the Committee take No Position for items a. through c.; Bernard Chang seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of minutes from prior meetings: January 19, 2010.

Without discussion, Russell Brown moved that the meeting minutes be approved; Bernard Chang seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Future agenda items. Next meeting scheduled for March 23, 2010.

Russell Brown proposed to place the sale of the Rosslyn Hotel to the SRO Housing Corporation.

10. Board member comment

Russell Brown provided an update of the Liberty super-graphics discussion from the last PLUC meeting. The project had been terminated by the City after determining that it was not a valid application. The City Attorney's office is now pursuing legal action against the existing super-graphics signs across the City. Russell Brown also discussed the restaurant and entertainment complex located at 1248 S. Figueroa Street that the Committee continued at its last PLUC meeting. The restaurant complex is currently moving forward with construction although the CUB and CUX have not yet been approved.

11. Adjournment

At 8:10- pm the meeting was adjourned by consensus.