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When: TUESDAY • August 17, 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 Shiraz Tangri called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Committee members present: Co-Chair James Doizaki, Co-Chair Shiraz Tangri, Tanner Blackman, Russell Brown, Scott Bytof, General Jeff, Simon Ha, Valerie Watson and Brady Westwater.

Absent: Bernard Chang, Mamta Patel

2. Public comment

No public comments were made at this time.

3. Presentation by David Wall (Riordan's Tavern) regarding modifying and extending an existing CUB permit for 877 S. Figueroa Street (ZA-2010-1731-CUB)

Presented by David Wall of the Original Pantry/Riordan's Tavern on behalf of the owner. Riordan's Tavern is a 50 seat restaurant/bar located at 877 S. Figueroa Street and has been operating under an existing CUB permit for the last 3 yrs. The applicant is seeking an extension of the current CUB and requesting extended hours, discounted food & drinks (Happy Hour), live entertainment for special events and outdoor dining. The applicant has the support of the Police department and City Council office. After a brief discussion, Russell Brown moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for Riordan's Tavern, seconded by General Jeff. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by Sherrie Olson (CCDG) regarding a proposed 7-Eleven market located at 900 S. Broadway Blvd (ZA-2010-928-CUB)

Presented by Shawn Misra of 7-Eleven Corporation on behalf of the developer and building owner. This project was presented to the committee at a prior meeting. The applicant presented a revised floor plan and exterior rendering, incorporating suggestions and cues provided by the committee from the previous presentation. After some discussion, the committee provided additional input based upon the revised material and also recommended that the applicant seek input and support from the Police department and City Council office. This item was continued for a future meeting.

5. Presentation by Renee Meshul (Brown/Meshul Inc) regarding a proposed mixed-use adaptive reuse condominium project at 2100 S. Figueroa Street (ZA-2010-2040-ZV)

Presented by Renee Meshul of Brown/Meshul Inc, on behalf of the developer. The proposed project is an adaptive reuse project which is currently a vacant 2-story 1920s era warehouse building. The project consists of a 16 story step-design building to be built within the existing structure with 291 residential units, including 45 units for low income families, 7,000 sf of ground floor commercial space, subterranean parking with over 345 parking spaces and podium/rooftop open green space. The applicant is seeking a vesting tract map and variances for the project. The project has received input and the support of the CRA and Urban Design Studio. After a brief discussion, Brady Westwater moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter of support for the mixed use adaptive reuse project, seconded by Russell Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion on City notification requirements for public input and community comments on planning issues

Russell Brown commented that recent policies issued by the City Planning department did not provide adequate time for stakeholders and other members of the public to review and comment on relevant issues. Russell suggested that the City Planning department allow at least 45 day for public input and community comments on planning issues. After a lengthy discussion, Russell Brown moved that the Committee recommends that the DLANC Board write a letter to the City Planning department recommending a notification period of 60 days for public input and community comments on new planning issues, seconded by Co-Chair Tangri. The motion passed with 3 members abstaining.

7. Discussion on Committee membership and administration for the new fiscal term

Due to the delay in the certification of the new DLANC Board, no formal action was taken.

A member of the public, Phillip Estes introduced himself and expressed interest in joining the Committee.

8. Discussion of DLANC area projects proposed for No Position:

- a. 417 E. 5th Street – categorical exemption for mechanical & plumbing upgrades
- b. 332 S. Broadway – community design overlay district – new signs
- c. 958 S. Broadway – community design overlay district – new signage
- d. 628 S. St Vincent – community design overlay district – storefront improvements

Brady Westwater moved that on behalf of the DLANC Board, the Committee hereby votes to take No Position with respect to the applications filed with the City Planning department listed above; seconded by Tanner Blackman. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Update on the LA Streetcar/Streetscape master plan project

Co-Chair Tangri gave the Committee a brief update on the LA Streetcar/Streetscape master plan project.

10. Update on the Park 101 Cap project

Brady Westwater attended the CalTrans SKAG study presentation and gave the Committee a brief update on the status of the Park 101 Cap project.

11. Approval of minutes from prior meeting: June 29, 2010

Co-chair Tangri moved approval of the minutes from the June meeting Brady Westwater seconded. Motion passed unanimously with absent members deemed abstaining.

12. Future agenda items. Next meeting September 21

Next meeting scheduled for September 21, 2010.

13. Board member comment

No Board members comments were made.

14. Adjournment

At 10:20 pm the meeting was adjourned by consensus.