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IN-PERSON 24 HR SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

City Hall East - Controller's room
200 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 – 7:30 PM

Contact: claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Called to order at 7:32pm

Patti Berman	H	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	H
Claudia Oliveira	H	Ana Carril-Grumberg	H	Leonel Aguilar	H
Tony Hoover	H	Samir Bitar	A	Cody Nowak	A
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	H
Robert Martinez	A	Tyler Murphy	H	Jehan Reagan	A
Scott Miller	H	Pablo Fontoura	H	Debby Zhou	H
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	H	James Wilde	A
Wendy Celaya	H	Damion Wagner	H	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on the number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.).

3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

a. PLUC

- i. **Case Number:** DIR-2021-9702-DB-SPR-HCA; ENV-2021-9703-EAF
Project Location: 845 S. Olive Street and 842-846 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90014 & 90017

Item Description:

An 8-story mixed-use residential building, with 334 dwelling units, including 37 or 11% affordable units as well as 4,646 square feet of ground floor commercial space.

Project Requests: Pursuant to LAMC 12.22 A.25 (g), a Density Bonus approval for a Project having 334 residential dwelling units with 37 units restricted to VLI Households, and an On Menu Incentive request for a 20% reduction in the required Open Space. Pursuant to LAMC 16.06, a Site Plan Review for a project resulting in an increase of 50 or more residential units. No parking provided per AB 2097.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. DIR-2021-9702-DB-SPR-HCA; ENV-2021-9703-EAF. Support is conditioned on the following: a) Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction; (b) Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g., scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours; (c) storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety.

Additionally, the following are strongly recommended: (a) a visual feature, such as murals (as depicted in renderings), be implemented on the elevation facing 8th Street until adjacent development occurs; (b) Applicant work with the landscape architect and the Urban Forestry Division to reduce the size of the proposed parkway.”

(Vote Count: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 5; Recused: 0)

- Patti motioned to approve #1, Tony seconded.

Patti Berman	Y	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	Y
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	A	Cody Nowak	A
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Jehan Reagan	A
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	N	Debby Zhou	Y
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	James Wilde	A

Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	
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- Motion passed. 13 Y, 1 N.

ii. **Case Number:** ZA-2023-2303-CUB

Project Location: Taco Bell Cantina 801 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Item Description/Request:

Per LAMC 12.24-w 1, the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 2,190 square-foot full-service restaurant with 36 seats and hours of operation 24 hours daily and located in the C2-4D zone. Indoor dining and alcohol sales to close at 2:00 am, daily, with mobile delivery food orders only at the delivery window between 2:00 am and 8:00 am, daily.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. ZA-2023-2303-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following: a) Applicant will maintain pedestrian access if the sidewalk is temporarily closed during construction; (b) Applicant will ensure any temporary walkways covered due to construction (e.g., scaffolding) are well-lit at all hours; (c) storefronts of ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (d) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change.

Additionally, the following are strongly recommended: (a) applicant require coded access to restrooms for patron use only.”

(Vote Count: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstention: 1; Absent: 5; Recused: 0)

- Patti motioned to approve #2 and #3 together. Tyler seconded.

Patti Berman	Y	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	Y
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	A	Cody Nowak	A
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Jehan Reagan	A
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	James Wilde	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	

- Motion passed. 14Y

iii. **Case Number:** ZA-2023-2532-CUB

Project Location: Badmaash 108 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Item Description/Request:

Upgrade from beer and wine to on-site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of an existing restaurant.

Project Requests: As allowed under Section 12.24 W 1 of the LAMC, the applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of a 1,600 square-foot, 43 seat existing restaurant. Continued hours of operation are from 10:00 am – 11:00 pm Sunday through Wednesday and 10:00 am – 1:00 am Thursday through Sunday.

MOTION: “The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that DLANC submit a letter of support for the Applicant’s request in Planning Case No. ZA-2023-2532-CUB. Support is conditioned on the following: (a) storefronts of any ground floor retail retain transparency at all times to allow for eyes on the street and pedestrian safety; (b) Owner/Operator will come back and present to PLUC should owner/operator change. (Vote Count: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 4; Recused: 0)

- Patti motioned to approve #2 and #3 together. Tyler seconded.

Patti Berman	Y	Ryan Afari	A	Allen Gross	Y
Claudia Oliveira	Y	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Y	Leonel Aguilar	Y
Tony Hoover	Y	Samir Bitar	A	Cody Nowak	A
Wendell Blassingame	A	Melynda Choothesa	A	Jim Sarratori	Y
Robert Martinez	A	Tyler Murphy	Y	Jehan Reagan	A
Scott Miller	Y	Pablo Fontoura	Y	Debby Zhou	Y
Nathan Mahaffey	A	Christian Dittmer	Y	James Wilde	A
Wendy Celaya	Y	Damion Wagner	Y	Vacant Area Wide Homeless	

- Motion passed. 14Y

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6. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

7. Next Meeting July 11, 2023

8. Adjourn

- a. Adjourned at 7:52pm

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CONSENT ITEMS: *There will be no separate discussion of Consent items as they are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. If a member of the Board, Committee, or a stakeholder requests discussion on a particular item, that item will be removed from Consent and considered separately. Such items will be moved to the end of the agenda.*

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