Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Notice of Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 15, 2016
Highland Park Senior Center
6152 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90042
7:00-9:00 PM

AGENDA

A. Call to Order- 7:09pm

B. Roll Call- PRESENT: Antonio Castillo (chair), Linda “Boo” Caban, Steve Crouch, Charlie Fisher, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn, Stanley Moore, Yolanda Nogueira, Derek Saucedo, Diego Silva, Jaime Tijerina

C. Public Comments on NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (10 minutes max, 2 minutes per speaker)- None

D. Chairs’ report (2 min)- Land use committee retreat on December 3 at All Saints Church from 10am-1pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt the agenda. – Table item 6, Table item 7, Tina motions to approve, Charlie seconds, motion passes

2. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes from October 18, 2016. Zacharias motions to approve, Charlie seconds, motion passes

3. Consent Calendar
   a. None

4. [Cont’d from October 18, 2016] 5715-5717 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2016-3320-CUB) - Request to allow the on-site sale of a full line of alcohol in conjunction with a 3,125-square-foot restaurant
and barbershop. The restaurant would include 59 seats and would operate from 6 pm to 2 am daily with limited live entertainment.

Sarah- project representative; will meet with LAPD and council office; started community outreach with neighboring shops, hearing set for end of January; starting December 1st the barbershop’s other locations open at 11am; glass storefront, no pull down gate;

Jeff from the building’s ownership- considering using a clear film to put over the glass storefront to mitigate vandalism

Requesting a letter of support for the project, Charlie motions to recommend to the full neighborhood council a letter of support, Tina seconds, the motion passes unanimously

5. [Cont’d from October 18, 2016] 323-325 N. Avenue 50 (ZA-2016-3526-ZV-ZAA) - Request to add 482 square feet to an existing rear duplex to create two additional units. The front building currently maintains a 4-plex. Request includes a variance for side-yard passageway, a reduction in parking by one parking space, and relief for required open space.

Project would be to square off the roof; adding additional square feet to the second story

Motion is for a letter of support with the requirement to add landscaping in the rear of the property, Charlie motions, Melanie seconds, the motion passes unanimously

6. [Cont’d from October 18, 2016] Discussion and possible action to approve a letter to the City of Los Angeles, Urban Forestry, Street Services, and LAFD informing them that trimming trees in the summer compromises the health of trees. (T. Gossett) TABLED

7. [Cont’d from October 18, 2016] Discussion regarding funding for speed bumps. (Caban) TABLED

8. [Cont’d from October 18, 2016] Discussion regarding the streamlining of CEQA under SB 734. (Fisher) Charlie voices concern over the streamlining of CEQA in which it cuts out public input

Melanie- reduces the time period of public input but doesn’t cut it out


Marissa- owner of the lot; plan is to construct a single family house

Susanne motions letter of support to the planning department, Charlie seconds, the motion passes unanimously

10. 5904 N. Figueroa Street (ZA-2016-3961-CUB, ENV-2016-3962-CE-CUB) – Request to allow the sale of beer and wine incidental to meal service and expansion of existing 1,172-square-foot restaurant (Kitchen Mouse) into an adjacent tenant space for a proposed 3,556-square-foot restaurant and new market in the C2-2D-HPOZ zone.

Thia- projects rep; request to extend hours from the current 7am-8pm; collected over 200 signatures of support for the project from the community

Tina motions to approve a letter of support, Charlie seconds, the motion passes unanimously

11. Committee Retreat: Discuss pending items for the Land Use Committee Retreat at All Saints Episcopal Church at corner of North Avenue 56 and Ash Street on Saturday, December 3rd from 10am to 1pm.

Trish will confirm if the location is secured for the event; Land use committee retreat on December 3 at All Saints Church from 10am-1pm

The event will concern the committee’s mission statement, policies, and procedures;

Food will be potluck; Melanie-coffee and cups, Zacharias- juice, Susanne- donuts, Antonio-fruit, Charlie-water, Steve-plates and napkins, Tina-utensils and guacamole, Boo-croissants
Need to get dollar amount for the fee
Charlie motions for a fee to not to exceed $100 for space, Susanne seconds, the motion
passes unanimously

12. Reports and Updates:
a. HPOZ - C. Fisher
   – The HPOZ finally has a full board again
b. 710 Freeway Extension - T. Gulotta-Miller, T. Gossett
   - None
c. SurveyLA - C. Fisher, A. Castillo
   - City already surveyed NELA and will have report/findings in late January
d. Early Notification Emails - A. Castillo
   - Mixed use development on 5633 York Blvd; will be the tallest building on the street; 2
     affordable units won’t be permanent

13. New Business
    - None

14. Adjournment - 9:09pm