

LHNC Planning Committee  
Aztecs Rising, 3516 N Broadway  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:30pm

I. Welcome/Call to order/Roll Call/Review minutes

Meeting called to order by Sevin Riley, Chair, at 6:30pm. In attendance (4): Benny Madera, Sevin Riley, Susan Silvera, Richard Silvera. Motion to approve minutes tabled until next meeting.

II. Discussion and vote on Chair of Planning Committee

Benny said that he would still like to be Chair and so would Sevin. Mario not present so we tabled the vote on the recommendation until next meeting. The CoChair arrangement with Frank and Sevin was unusual. Vicente Gonzales was not present so a vote on his membership was tabled.

III. Discussion and possible motion about building inspector Denton Lomenzo

Sevin said that the Café Zeta, Juice It up, William Aparicio, the Heights Deli and 3303 N Broadway have all had difficulty with Building and Safety putting multiple obstacles in the way of permits. The chief offender is Denton Lomenzo, plumbing inspector, who is reported to have said that he receives \$100 every time he goes out to inspect. Sevin talked to him and explained that we are interested in enlivening our street and hope for expedited approvals. The committee suggested that Sevin call his supervisor and ask how he gets paid (tax dollars).

IV. Suggestion for design of multi-unit housing on Griffin

Sevin investigated the site to see if it would be possible to have the driveway entrance in the back, but it appears that there is no access.

V. Development on Marmon Way - affordable housing next to Gold Line

Sevin observed a 70-unit affordable veterans housing development going in on the West side of Heritage Square station. It is in Cypress Park but we will probably be faced with similar projects. The neighbors all protested building any housing at all, even though there is a housing shortage in the city of 400-500,000 units. This brings up the density question. Richard mentioned the Neighborhood Integrity Project which is trying to stop development. Sevin gave two copies of Walkable City to committee members.

VI. Follow up on Tiny Homes discussion

An article in the LA Times describes the removal of some tiny homes from freeway overpasses in LA. This project was apparently designed without the forethought of the Portland project which we discussed last month, since it did not address the rules and governance of the tiny houses or the sanitation and water issues. Sevin has been looking for a location which would be suitable for the Portland-style tiny homes. The lot owned by Young Nak is used on Sundays for parking. The committee will research. We agreed that if the sanitation problems can be solved, we would support tiny houses for the homeless as better than living on the street.

VII. Broadway update

The Committee reviewed the changes: Royal Tux has left, Uka Solanki is thinking about 3-4 stories with apartments above at the Bi Rite location, Cristal Salon de Fiestas has opened next to WSS. We noted that there are 5 check cashing places in LH and 4 places to get fresh veggie juice. Not much organic food.

VIII. Public Comment - none

IX. New Business

Richard informed us that a development is going in on Lacy Street opposite the condos. Sevin will research.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting April 13 at 6:30 pm at Aztecs Rising, 3516 N Broadway