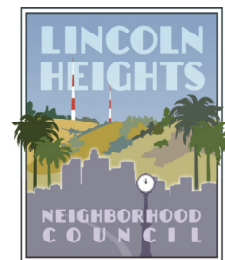




Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
3516 North Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90031
FACEBOOK: "www.facebook.com/LHNCLA31"
WEB: "www.LincolnHeightsNC.org"
CESAR ROSAS, President; BEN WADSWORTH, Vice President;
KENNETH YOON, Secretary; VERA PADILLA, Treasurer



MINUTES

of the Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6pm, Cafe Zeta, 2223 N Broadway, Lincoln Heights 90031

I. Welcome, Call to Order

Meeting called to Order by Mario Marrufo, CoChair at 6:02PM.

11. Role Call –In attendance: (8): Richard Larsen, Benny Madera, Armida Marrufo, Mario Marrufo, Michael McLean, Victoria Montes, Sevin Riley, Susan Silvera, .

111. Review and approve minutes of July 13, 2016. **MOTION:** Approve minutes of July 13, 2016. **Moved: Marrufo/2nd Silvera, S. VOTE: unanimous. Motion passed.**

IV. Public comment - none

Item V1 moved up to accommodate presenter

V1. Discussion and Possible Motion on Neighborhood Integrity Initiative

MOTION: In view of the severe housing shortage in Los Angeles, the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council cannot support any measure that would make it more difficult to build new housing, thus increasing the cost of housing. Therefore, we oppose the proposed ballot initiative known as the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative. **Moved: Riley/2nd Silvera.** Discussion: Michael McLean works for the campaign against the initiative. He said that the two-year moratorium would also restrict commercial mixed-use development as well as residential. San Pedro is concerned about that. A nonpartisan Legislative Analyst study revealed that the more housing, the lower housing costs, regardless of what kind of housing. Downtown is now experiencing a big supply and housing costs are going down. Mario pointed out there are requirements for low income housing. Benny said that we should hold off until we hear from the other side; he will contact them. **VOTE: 3 ayes (Susan Silvera, Mario Marrufo, Armida Marrufo), 2 nays (Sevin Riley, Benny Madera). Motion passed.**

Item IX moved ahead to accommodate presenters

V. Discussion and possible action on appearance of businesses on Broadway

MOTION: Give Vicky Montes permission to meet with the Lincoln Heights Business Improvement District, the Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce and CD1 representing the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council to discuss the maintenance and appearance of businesses on North Broadway. **Moved: Marrufo, M/2nd Silvera.** Discussion: Vicky showed pictures of unattractive store fronts and graffiti. This is the reason a lot of people don't shop on Broadway. Mario pointed out that the building owner is responsible for the outside of the building; the business owner for the inside. Code enforcement could possibly solve some of the problems. Bringing it to the attention of the business owners might help. **VOTE: 5 ayes (Sevin Riley, Susan Silvera, Mario Marrufo, Armida Marrufo and Benny Madera), 0 nays. Motion passed.**

V11. Discussion and possible motion regarding a light at Humboldt and Ave

MOTION: The Planning Committee recommends that the Neighborhood Council request a traffic study at the intersection of Humboldt and Ave 26 with the intention of securing a traffic light there and saving lives. **Moved: Silvera/2nd Marrufo, M.** Discussion: Everyone agreed that it is a very dangerous intersection; it is almost impossible to get from Humboldt onto Ave 26. **VOTE: 5 ayes (Sevin Riley, Susan Silvera, Mario Marrufo, Armida Marrufo and Benny Madera), 0 nays. Motion passed.**

V111. Report on conversation with Rogelio Navar from Fifteen Group re 2626 Lacy Street development project and possible motion Sevin's conversation with Rogelio Navar has been superseded by Mario's information that the project has been dropped because it couldn't be made profitable. The property is now for sale. Richard met another developer who is thinking about restoring the old building and creating lofts.

IX. Discussion and possible motion re activity on Flat Top

Sevin reported that the red box has been removed. The owner, Rob Rinehart, CEO of Soylent, apologized on line. Sevin suggested that perhaps we could engage him in some more structured activities on his property, like performances. Mario agreed to contact him.

X. Report and possible motion to invite Uka Solanki to our meeting re BiRite property

Mario reported that Uka is moving forward with the mixed use project, but he needs to acquire more land for a two story aboveground parking structure. He has a good record of community engagement and attractive projects. When the time comes, we should invite him.

BOARD MEMBERS: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo, (Vacant);

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: Selena Ortega, Benny Madera; Martha Sevin Riley;

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Brittney Rivera, Hugo Hernandez;

AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Penelope Lopez, Theresa Vasquez, Vicente Gonzalez-Reyes Jr., Martin S. Gomez, Armida Marrufo, Maribel Hernandez, Vince Rosiles, (Vacant), David Myers, José Lagunas, (Vacant), Kevin F. Flint, Michael Montes. Victoria Montes.

X1. Other Business

Alliance School hearing – Mario reported that it is not necessary that we show up again at the hearing tomorrow as there is no opposition

Broadway update – tabled

Result of gym proposal – Elizabeth Martinez told Sevin that the Planning Department decided that there was no need for a zoning variance for her gym after all.

LH Jail proposals – Mario reported that 125 proposals were made but only 25 organizations have sufficient resources to do it. Sevin showed letters to the editor from the LATimes suggesting it be used for housing for the homeless. Mario said it won't be. Richard pointed out that asbestos abatement is expensive.

Report on 3303 N Broadway – Sevin's contact at the Charles company, Tom Pao, is on vacation and will call back after August 17th.

Heritage Square development – no new info

X11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Meetings held the second Wednesday of each month - next meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6pm at Cafe Zeta, 2223 N Broadway, Lincoln Heights 90031.