

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council 3516 North Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90031

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MOTION TO APPROVE: MINUTES of the
LINCOLN HEIGHTS PLANNING & LAND-USE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Lincoln Heights City Building 3516 N. Broadway, Lincoln Heights 90031

- I. Welcome, Call to Order Meeting called to Order by Richard Larsen at 6:01 PM.
- II. Roll Call In attendance: 8 (7 voting) Gilbert Arevalo, Miko Merced, Armida Marrufo, Mario Marrufo, Benny Madera, Gillas Correa, and Richard Larsen. Stakeholders and/or presenters: Frank Villalobos, FAIA and Francisco Bringas, AIA.
- III. Review and approve minutes of January 9, 2018. MOTION to Approve: Mario Marrufo, Merced 2nd, 7-0-0, Approved
- IV. Public comment Miko Merced noted that the Epiphany Church is hosting more homeless tents than usual. Miko reported that it is looking like an encampment. Committee members recommended contacting Rev. Tom Carey. Benny Madera says the new building on Broadway near the High School reminds him of a lost opportunity. Armida Marrufo says to be positive and look for opportunities for the community. The banquet hall was obstructed and did not survive. Richard mentioned that the actual occupants of the building is unknown presently. Mario pointed out that the owner will likely lease out to most lucrative tenant as it's a new building.
- V. Frank Villalobos FAIA (Barrio Planners Inc.) presented the Lincoln Heights Streetcar. The project started 4 years ago at the Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce, saying there could be economic development in Lincoln Heights should there be investment in the community. The Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) allows less parking near transit hubs. Lincoln Heights turned down the light rail proposal on Broadway 25 years ago. The streetcar would be funded in phases by the Metro board, LA County, State and Federal funding. It will run between USC University Village campus on the west, then along Broadway to arrive at Lincoln Park in the old rail path, possibly going to Cal State LA. Needed intercept lots may be built to reduce traffic, thus car congestion may be reduced thru taxing. The streetcar will belong to Metro on completion.
- VI. Richard Larsen reported on the LA County \$120M improvement plan on the LAC+USC property, the Health Innovation Community Partnership Lincoln Heights (HICP-LH). This presentation was held at the Lincoln Heights Senior Center on February 28th. Plans included a new Child Care Facility, Women's and Children Hospital, a new 96 bed Recuperative Care with a 64 bed Residential Treatment Center with green space and gardens accessible to our community, and many other resources. They are studying the General Hospital Reuse Feasibility as well.
- VII. Benny Madera mentioned he sees it as a threat to the community. He said 500 homes were lost. Armida Marrufo said the Psychiatric Hospital was there, along with the Nursing Hospital. Benny said he knows people who grew up in the area and he would document the people who were displaced. Richard pointed out the boundaries like the freeway, train lines, and other obstacles minimize displacement. Mario Marrufo pointed out people have a right to sell their own property, that's not displacement. There was a discussion on the difference between displacement and community resources like creating schools for underprivileged kids.

VIII Motion on 2303 Johnston ZA-2019-593-ZAD: MOTION to Approve: Larsen, 2nd Merced, 7-0-0, Approved

IX. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Meetings held the second Wednesday of each month - next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Lincoln Heights Community Resource Building, 3516 N Broadway, Lincoln Heights

BOARD MEMBERS: BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES: William Rodriguez Morrison, Mario Marrufo COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES: Selena Ortega, Benny Madera; Martha Sevin Riley; YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Hugo Hernandez;

AREA REPRESENTATIVES: Richard Larsen, Theresa Vasquez, Vicente Gonzalez-Reyes Jr., Armeda Marrufo, Martin S. Gomez, Michelle Rubio, Maribel Hernandez, Vince Rosiles, Tameka Flowers, Victoria Montes, Maria Palacios, Amanda Coolong