



CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Adopted Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. Board members present: David Ambroz, David Carrera, Laurie Goldman, Scott Campbell and Alwin Sumirat.

2. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Laurie Goldman stated that the February 22, 2010 Minutes should have reported that Kevin Keller and Mary Richardson attended the last Ad Hoc Committee meeting, that the draft EIR is postponed until March or early April and that the committee agreed to wait to make its report until after the draft EIR is published. Scott Campbell noted that David Ambroz's comments on a property at 936 Seward were incomplete: a period was missing at the end of the sentence and Mr. Ambroz's remarks about massing were not relayed. Roman Hrnizak noted that the sentence referring to Debbie Wehbe's request to be kept informed regarding developments at De Longpre Park was incomplete.

The February 22, 2010 Minutes were accepted by common consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None noted.

4. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

No government representatives were present.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was postponed.

(Taken out of order) Adam Berkowitz, representing Hollywood Electrics, appeared to inquire about the allocation made to purchase an electric bicycle to donate to the Hollywood Police Department.

6. PRESENTATION

SurveyLA. A survey of historic resources in the City of Los Angeles. The

process begins in April 2010 and Hollywood will be one of the first areas surveyed.

Carol Henning introduced herself and began by discussing the SurveyLA project, which is intended to identify and protect LA's rich heritage by documenting historic resources (buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts) that represent significant themes in Los Angeles history; the project is coordinated by Dept. of City Planning's office of Historic Resources and is funded by the J. Paul Getty Trust. Ms. Henning discussed how the survey will be done, encouraged stakeholders to participate and referred interested stakeholders to www.surveyLA.org, where individuals can identify resources that may have shaped the community. Copies of the Historic Resources Identification Form and a brochure describing the project were provided.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Standing Committees

i. Planning Committee – David Carrera

1. Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1640-42 Vine St. (@Sunset). Applicant is seeking a CUP/CUB for on-site sale/consumption of beer/wine/pre-mixed margaritas (type 47), in conjunction with an approximately 2800 sq. ft. fast/casual restaurant with 255 sq. ft. of outdoor patio seating area and proposed hours of operation from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Elizabeth Valerio presenting. **The PLUM Committee recommended that the CHNC Board support the Chipotle request for a CUB with the added conditions that landscaping be added that will screen the parking lot from the public right of way and that hours of operation from 11am to 10pm**

David Carrera summarized the presentation made by Chipotle at the recent PLUM committee, noted that approval was recommended with the referenced conditions, and that there would be no happy hour offered.

Laurie Goldman moved to approve the PLUM Committee's recommendation for Chipotle Mexican Grill; seconded by David Ambroz.

David Carrera asked Elfa Gomez, Chipotle representative, if signage unique to the Hollywood location could be installed. Ms. Gomez described plans for signage, and stated that it might not be possible to change plans for signage at this time. Discussion followed that resulted from Laurie Goldman's questioning whether a nearby business owner had been made aware of plans to landscape the parking lot. Ryan Harter described plans for landscaping and stated that the business owner was aware of those plans.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

2. Wood & Vine LLC, 6280 Hollywood Blvd. (@Vine) in the Taft Building. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use to permit the on-site sales and consumption of a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control [Type 47] full line of alcoholic beverages license in conjunction with a 3,347 sq. ft. restaurant on the ground floor, having 70 indoor seats, 34 outdoor patio seats, and 12 sidewalk seats for a total of 116 seats, and hours of operation from 11:00 am – 2:00 am, daily. Elizabeth Peterson Group, Brandon Finch presenting. **PLUM Committee recommends approval with conditions.**

David Carrera referred to a presentation made by Wood and Vine to HUNC that resulted in curtailing hours of operation, but that the PLUM Committee's recommendation was to recommend approval by the CHNC Board including the conditions regarding happy hour from 4pm to 8pm, no more than 50% discount, outdoor dining until midnight on Hollywood Blvd and hours of operation as requested.

David Carrera moved to approve the Planning Committee's recommendation; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

David Carrera stated that parking had not been discussed at the PLUM Committee meeting; Brandon Finch discussed code requirements for the Taft Building, which has an historic designation, and referred to arrangements for parking at the W Hotel. Mr. Finch reported that LAPD requested that the outdoor seating be removed because of proximity to the Metro portal and to the W Hotel. Laurie Goldman asked if Council President Garcetti has been made aware of the LAPD request and stated her support of allowing sidewalk dining until 2am. Responding to Ms. Goldman's question, Mr. Finch stated that the project is scheduled for a hearing on April 7, 2010. Mr. Finch reported that the public hearing notice was re-published, to report the correct square footage (4408 sq. ft.) to include the outdoor patio area. The voluntary conditions were then discussed. Laurie Goldman indicated her support for a 2am closing time for the outdoor dining area. There was discussion about the appropriateness of the 2am closing time.

David Carrera moved to approve the Planning Committee's recommendation with sidewalk dining until 2am; seconded by Laurie Goldman.

David Ambroz suggested that the letter to the ZA emphasize concern about the LAPD's request to remove the outdoor dining.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

ii. Public Safety Committee

1. Nightlife Issues

At David Carrera's request, Brandon Finch discussed technical memorandum being produced by a traffic consultant for LeDeux, and stated that no hearing date for LeDeux has been set. Mr. Finch said that a hearing probably won't be scheduled for the next year and a half. Mr. Carrera stated his preference that LeDeux's operation be more in line with its entitlements and referred to a complaint he received regarding noise.

iii. Beautification Committee

1. Overview update from Beautification Chair

David Ambroz reported that he is reviewing the files provided to him by Lydia Milars, the former Chair, and stated that he would provide more input after the upcoming CHNC election.

b. Ad Hoc Committees – as needed

i. Hollywood Community plan ad hoc committee.

Laurie Goldman gave a brief update and stated that the committee plans to give a report once the draft EIR has been published.

ii. Emergency Preparedness.

Linda Lee asked for suggestions regarding pooling of resources by area NCs and reported that other SFV NCs have offered assistance. Ms. Lee stated that stakeholders should be encouraged to participate. Laurie Goldman and Scott Campbell suggested contacting the three area Business Improvement District offices as well.

iii. Election Committee.

Linda Lee reminded stakeholders of the upcoming CHNC elections (May 2010) and advised that although March 15, 2010 was the deadline for filing as a candidate for the Board, it is still possible to qualify as a write-in candidate (through Tuesday, April 13, 2010).

Scott Campbell advised that the City Clerk's office is looking for volunteers to help at the polls on Election Day and volunteers to help resolve disputes with the election process. Please see their web site for information.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

David Ambroz reported on the CRA's recent meeting regarding the Sunset Blvd. Urban Design Plan.

Adam Berkowitz advised of an upcoming women's group event at the Forum.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by common consent at 7:40 pm