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Land Use Committee

June 16, 2011

Present: Ron Ziff, Chair, Jackie Campbell, Bob Cohen, Jackie Diamond, Arthur Fields, Arthur Hutchinson, Jeff Kalban, Mikie Maloney

Absent: Alicia Bartley, Craig Buck, Dave Rand

1. Call to order 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes. April minutes approved as amended and May minutes approved.
4. Introduction of elected officials and staff. Representing CD2 at the meeting was Patricia Davenport. She directed interested individuals to a new webpage her office assisted in developing for SONC and invited the community to participate on July 2, 2011 at the VNSO Park with Councilmember Paul Krekorian his Swearing-in celebration and community food drive.
5. Public Forum: Mr..Musso, a resident of the 4800 block on Tilden St. spoke of his safety concerns should the LA City permit the building of a carwash on the commercial property at the corner of Riverside and Van Nuys Blvd.
6. Chair's Report:
 - Parking Ordinance hearing has been postponed to July 15, 2011.
 - Bicycle hearing will also be July 15, 2011
 - Both Parking and Bicycle ordinances are being opposed by SONC Board
 - New construction has begun on the former Barones site.
7. New Business:
 - a) Los Angeles Convention Center

Presentation of the proposed Farmers Field Event Center was given by Sean Dee representing Staples/AEG. The presentation displayed new structures and outlined some remodel work of the current LACC. A draft environmental impact report is slated to be available fall of 2011 and completed possibly May 2012. Committee concerns and questions from the public followed this presentation.

b) City Attorney's Report on Cell Tower Laws to the Board of Public Works.

The City Attorney may require existing cell sites located on utility poles to expand on notification policies. Discussion and questions period was followed by a motion made by Craig Buck, with a friendly amendment from Ron Ziff, and seconded by Jeff Kalban. Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee urges the City to enhance existing aesthetic criteria in the AGFSP consistent with Ninth Circuit Court rulings regarding regulation of cell tower aesthetics. To the extent feasible we urge that all associated facilities be required to be put underground. And finally, we urge the City to broaden AGFSP notification provisions to increase the number of people who must be notified about a cell tower installation application and expand the information that must be included in required notices. Action: Approved unanimously.

7. Committee Business:

a) Current SONC LUC applicant notification procedures were discussed and reviewed, postings at the current five community locations will continue. Mailings to residents within a 500 ft. radius of an agendized project to continue, applicant will continue to be required to print notification letters, stuff, address and stamp envelopes for sending, then submit to LUC Committee designee for actual mailing along with a listing of the addresses included. Action: No change to existing notification processes of committee.

b) Discuss of rational for subcommittee site visits as well as process by which subcommittee shall be organized was discussed. Action: Chair monitor issue and bring back to LUC if needed

c) July and August meetings of the LUC Committee will be scheduled and noticed.

9. The LUC will meet July 21, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Sherman Oaks Library.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by: Jacqueline Diamond