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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Kester Ave. School

5353 Kester Ave.

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Present: Jeff Kalban, Chair: Alicia Bartley, Tom Capps, Jackie Diamond, Art Fields, Mikie

Maloney, Rick Mayer, Sue Steinberg, Ron Ziff. Absent: Lisa Petrus

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Motion to approve May minutes by Mikie Maloney; second by Jackie Diamond.

Unanimously
approved.

4. No public officials present.

5. Ron Ziff announced the SONC movie program during the summer. Encourage people to

sign up to receive monthly newsletter and to visit web site.

6. Public Forum: Stacy Michael complained that Scadlock residents are being affected by

excessive filming on their street. Wants to modify the 2009 agreement by limiting the number of filming days allowed. Ron Ziff asked her to contact him since this is a SONC item

and not one for PLUM.

7. New Business

7a) Small lot subdivision, 5209 Saloma Ave.

Avi Galili, applicant's representative, described the project as a 5 unit row housing.

Each

unit will be between 1600-2000 sq. ft. They will each have three level floor plans with a roof deck. Project will be 35 ft high. They wanted to do something unique with their gable roofs and use of lots of greenery and a roof top green, offering privacy to the residents of the subdivision and the neighbors. They showed samples of their neutral color palette.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 residents spoke. The residents were concerned with the traffic in their area, the lack of parking on their street, the dust and noise from the constant construction on Magnolia and were upset they were not notified or had any knowledge this project was being planned. Privacy was a concern from the neighbor next door to this project.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: the committee was concerned about the density of the project and the lack of information being given to the residents on Saloma. Set backs seemed too small and landscaping for privacy to the neighbors not sufficient.

MOTION: by Rick. Project is too dense, there should be a 4 unit maximum. The set backs should align with building to the South and a 15 ft set back to Saloma and a 5 ft set back of a green screen buffer of trees on the north side. Second by Mikie. 6 yes votes, 2 no votes. Motion approved.

7b) Dog E Den Mural.

Gene Barash represented the applicant. They have come back to committee with a new mural concept of a puzzle type image with kids on a swing. They have worked with the City and have the support of the Chamber.

MOTION: by Mikie, To approve as presented. Second by Jackie. Passed unanimously.

7c) Whole Foods at 14311 Ventura (and Tyrone).

Ira Handleman introduced the project for a second time. He mentioned that they had

reduced the exceptions they were seeking in the past, had increased the retail floor space and tried to enhance the pedestrian walking experience as per the committee's

prior suggestions. Several company people spoke regarding the changes made.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 9 people spoke. Most were concerned with the traffic this would generate, there were concerns about the left hand turns from Ventura Blvd into the site and the left turn from Moorpark, and noise created with a restaurant open late. There were concerns about cross traffic on Library Square. One person spoke in support.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: left turns into project from Ventura and Moorpark were a concern. Truck traffic and how it would be handled was another

MOTION: by Jeff. The conceptual development is positive. Second by Mikie.

Approved unanimously.

8.) COMMITTEE BUSINESS: Approval of the Bluebird Brasserie was conditioned on the review

and approval of the design for their outside dining area railing with planters. Their design was submitted and approved with a revised planting recommendation by Rick,

the applicant accepted the suggestions.

In April a motion by PLUM opposing the Proposed Transit Orientated Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program was sent to SONC. The Council approved the motion and sent a letter of concern to Councilman Ryu.

Linkage Fee proposal. This would add a fee to every commercial and residential development.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Not enough information to make a commitment. Does the money stay in the community? Will it be the end of middle class housing? Some

on the committee felt we should not turn our backs on affordable housing needs.
MOTION: by Mikie. Whereas we support the concept of an affordable linkage fee for affordable housing, we do not have enough information at this time to support this position due to our concerns that include: oversight, strategy, and administration.
Second by Alicia.

9.) Vision Traffic Study. This is a study of all types of suggestions for improving the traffic in Sherman Oaks. It includes widening streets, changing streets to one way during peak hours, turnabouts, and aerial trams.

MOTION: by Jackie. The Sherman Oaks community traffic plan should be presented to the SONC board for their support and brought to Council Office and DOT for their consideration. Second by Mikie.