

SILVER LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
URBAN DESIGN AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
6:30pm
Silver Lake Recreation Center
1850 West Silver Lake Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90026

(Note: These minutes were generated from a recording. There was no note-taker present for this meeting.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attending Board Members:

Scott Plante, Co-Chair
Joe Ferrell, Co-Chair
Barbara Ringuette
Cliff Towne
Ninotchka Regets
Douglas Reed
Carol Cetrone
Mark Duncan
Christine Kantner
David Wheatley

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Carol Cetrone :

She said that yesterday she and Christine went to administrator's hearing for the Silver Lake Texaco Station. It had failed in City Council for historic designation. It must be removed because of construction of underground parking. The owner assured us that the station will be disassembled and moved to the Los Angeles River and reassembled. The station will live on!

Barbara Ringuette:

On Saturday at Plan Cheque they will discuss the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is all important to new development. If you want to have input into a project, you should know what CEQA is about. They will have eight Planning 101 sessions beginning May 2 at Los Angeles City College and at other locations later where CEQA will be explained.

Rosa Max:

The City inhumanely removed a homeless person who was living in front of a liquor store. I videotaped it. They destroyed his personal things. Also, I was evicted from my home last March. Now, I'm being evicted on April 20. Neighbors are complaining. We're going to put the issue of temporary spaces on the agenda. You should get involved with the Homelessness Committee, she urged the audience.

3. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS – Discussion and Possible Action.

a. 2861 W. Sunset Blvd. (Wood Pizza) Panzarello
Case Number ZA-2019-46-(CUB) NC Region 4 A conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 1,600 sf restaurant with a 468 sf outdoor uncovered patio, with hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily on the patio. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday indoors and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday indoors.

Patrick Panzarello, Restaurant Consultant, and Eric:

This is a barbeque restaurant owned by Eric. The beer and wine license is up for renewal this summer. We've submitted an application to seek an update to a full liquor license. The restaurant had had large communal tables. It's being redesigned for smaller more intimate groups. It will seat 38 inside plus 34 more outside. We're seeking additional seating outside.

Jane said the food is excellent. I'm all for your expanding. Cliff Towne asked you're not altering your hours on the patio or the overall hours?

Panzarello said the inside hours would be unchanged. Eric said right now we close the exterior at 11pm, perhaps at midnight in the future. Towne noted that the patio doesn't seem like it will disturb neighbors. I don't see this becoming a party place anytime soon.

Douglas Reed said that he was really impressed. He asked a question about the sidewalks and the wall. There is lots of trash and graffiti there. Panzarello said some of the homeless do help clean up. He'll try to clean the area more.

Carol Cetrone said I've been there a couple of times. The place seems quiet and respectful. Barbara Ringuette asked how do you expect your business to change by upgrading to a full line of alcohol. We want to offer cocktails with our food. This is not a place to get drunk.

David Wheatley said this is the same intersection as the Tropical. You're expanding your alcohol inline and I'm kind of opposed to that. He asked about entertainment. They indicated that they would only play recorded music, nothing live.

It's a big deal to upgrade to hard liquor. He asked about the proposed hours. They replied 10am to midnight from Sundays to Thursdays and until 2am on Fridays and Saturdays for the indoors. Outdoors it would be 10am to midnight daily. The LAPD will weigh in once hearings are scheduled.

Wheatley expressed surprised that more neighbors were not present. He said that it's a misconception that people don't live hear the restaurant. Towne said there is already noise in that area because of the street. He suspects that's why more people aren't here. Wheatley stressed that we must be open and respectful to residents' opinions. If they aren't here I think something went wrong. Panzarello noted that there is a bar directly across from the restaurant that features live music. Our music will be within the restaurant.

Ringuette said the hours on your application are different that what you mentioned. Panzarello said the application has been corrected.

Cetrone responded to Wheatley's comments, saying that not having neighbors present could also mean that the applicants did something really right. She believes that they did sufficiently inform neighbors. The only neighbor here is one who is raving about their establishment. That speaks to their history and reputation. I pass by that restaurant several times a week. It always seems like a quiet peaceful establishment. Plante agreed.

Plante made a motion to support the application. Ringuette seconded.

VOTE
7-1-1
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Joe Ferrell
Barbara Ringuette
Cliff Towne
Ninotchka Regets
Douglas Reed
Carol Cetrone

Mark Duncan

No Votes:

David Wheatley

Present, Not Voting:

Christine Kantner

b. Community Plan Ad-Hoc Committee Kantner

Discuss the formation of an ad-hoc committee to work with our surrounding neighborhoods in examining the upcoming revisions to the City of Los Angeles neighborhood community plan.

Christine Kantner explained that the City of Los Angeles has been in the process of re-examining the community plan for various neighborhoods. Now they are working on Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Elysian Valley. Our Committee really needs to be weighing in.

I propose that we create a work group with Echo Park and Elysian Valley. That would be a wonderful way to go about it. The plan encompasses all of these neighborhoods so there should be representation from all these neighborhoods. I'll need help to try to figure it out.

Ringuette said she participated in the last community plan for the three areas. We are one of 35 community plan areas. The new plan should take effect next year. We must have activities around the community plan before the city weighs in if we want a voice. She also said that she likes the possibility of creating historic districts.

I met with Echo Park a couple of times. They are on the right track. We did discuss taking on this project in the Governmental Affairs Committee however, this should be a sub committee of this Committee. I'm excited about the opportunity to have input. She mentioned the Atwater Village stakeholders' survey. Our community plans ought to be local to us.

Carol Cetrone said that she wants Darcy Harris, a member of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council, and Co-Chair of their Planning and Land Use Committee, to speak.

Harris said that a few months ago they created a Planning Policy Committee to deal with longer term policy. This is our first initiative. We've had two meetings about ideas. Rampart Village Neighborhood Council is also involved. Through a tiny piece of Solano Canyon. She suggests that each neighborhood council create it's own committee

and then they meet to collaborate. Outreach will include a big town hall.

Ringuette said that the exciting thing about the last meeting was that people took on assignments. At Plan Cheque on Saturday, Ringuette will ask whether other communities came up with documents such as this.

Plante said the group would have to be formed as a committee and then go to the neighborhood council for a vote. Then co-chairs will have to be chosen. For coordination, we have to figure it out.

Harris said we are meeting monthly. We'd be happy if you send a representative.

Rosa Max asked why an ad hoc committee instead of a working group? Plante said the City changed the rules recently. It's just a legal terminology. All work groups have been disbanded a few months ago. Towne commented that work groups did not confirm to the Brown Act but ad hoc committees do.

Christine Kantner made a motion to form an ad hoc committee. There was a second.

Wheatley asked this committee will report to us monthly? How will we be a part of the democratic process? It sounds great. Will there be minutes taken? Plante said yes.

Ringuette said timelines for community plans are usually three years long. Ours hasn't started. So, we should have a community plan in 2023.

VOTE
9-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Scott Plante
Joe Ferrell
Barbara Ringuette
Cliff Towne
Ninotchka Regets
Douglas Reed
Carol Cetrone
Mark Duncan
Christine Kantner

David Wheatley

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. Review and adoption of minutes.

Plante made a motion to approve the minutes. Ringuette seconded.

VOTE

9-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Scott Plante

Joe Ferrell

Barbara Ringuette

Cliff Towne

Ninotchka Regets

Douglas Reed

Carol Cetrone

Mark Duncan

Christine Kantner

David Wheatley

No Votes:

None

Present, Not Voting:

None

b. Committee business.

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Wheatley seconded Plante's motion to adjourn.

The meeting ended about 33 minutes after it began.

