



Location: Benjamin Franklin Library [Community Room]

Circa: 2017, September 14th

Begin: 6.16pm

End: 8.00pm

Present (5): Jason Gallegos, Drew Brauer, Dan Morales, Patricia Moreno, Ernesto Hidalgo (6:22)

Absent: 2 – Tyffany Lam, Arlene Santana

Audience attendance: ~16 (including presenters).

Item 1(b) – Updates: [made the following announcements]

- Arlene Santana was elected to the PLUC
- 4 new Board Members were appointed to the BHNC Board as follows: Melissa Castro, Yasmin & Jose Mata (Siblings), and Jose Orozco
- **the 7 – Eleven/Whittier & Boyle recommendation was approved by the BHNC Board. ZA hearing is Oct 25th.**
- **Wolfpack was award 3.5k for their NPG**
- **trees on first street east of Soto will be removed:**
 - 13 Indian Laurel Figs,
 - 10 Bradford Pear,
 - 2 Queen Palm,
 - 1 Weeping Banyan,
 - 1 Mexican Fan Palm
- **to be replaced by [in 24-inch pot]:**
 - 21 African Fern Pine,
 - 20 Lavender Trumpet,
 - +13 addition along adjoining streets.
- **T-Mobile wants to add a gas generator @ 2930 Whittier Blvd**

Item 1(c) – Motioned by Drew & Dan to Approve minutes [Vote: 1 (Drew) – 0 – 4 (**Approved**)]

Item 2 – GPC: *none.*

Item 3(a) – Discussion & Possible Action to Support a Letter Calling for Transparency in the General Plan Update.

- [continuation from last month]
- **Presenter:** Jorge Castaneda
- Edits were made to Draft letter to reflect the BHNC's name and a more "diplomatic" language.
- Motion to approve [**SUPPORT**] Item 3(a) w/edits made [Jason/Drew; **Vote: 0 – 0 – 5**]

Item 3(b) – Discussion and Possible Action on Conditional Use Permit for On-Site Sales of Alcohol

- **Presenter:** Rueben Duarte
- **ZA-207-2451-CUB**
- Public comment (4) against CUB, +1 via e-mail against CUB
- **Public Concerns:**
 - **America Aceeves:** Proximity (alcohol sales) to school, parks & residents.
 - **Lourdes Albarron [translated]:** Drunk driving, alcohol related violence, hours of sales. No Community benefits. Prices.
 - **Ana Hernaidez [translated]:** Safety, No Community Benefits. These business are not for the community, but for the "Art Community"
 - **Delmira Gonzalez [translated]:** I do not approve of this. Schools are in the surrounding area.
- Committee Comment:
 - **Dan:** What is the price point?
 - **Response:** The Price will be set by the operator. No current operator.
 - **Dan:** What is the seating capacity?
 - **Response:** 56 indoor, & 48 outdoor.
 - **Jason:** asks about sidewalk improvements

- **Response:** None are proposed, or required.
- **Dan:** Is there parking?
- **Response:** Code required onsite (4 spots). Potential valet service.
- **Jason:** asks if this is a new application license, or a transfer. Expressed concerns regarding proximity to sensitive uses areas. Expressed the Community's efforts to remove alcohol sales from the [Flats] area.
- **Response: confirms that it is a new license, no transfer.**
- **Drew:** Area is zoned for restaurants. Boyle Heights is known for it's to curb alcohol sales. Expresses that application is "tone deaf" in regards to the Boyle Heights Community.
- **Patricia:** Expresses concerns regarding minimum wage. Asked about visibility of patio from street.
- **Response: Expresses that it is possible but not likely**
- **Ernesto:** Expresses that this would fit in better in other communities. Expresses that no effort appears to have been made in terms of community outreach. Recommends that the presenter enter in to a community benefits agreement, highlighting local hire and a living wage.
- **Response:** Expresses that their intent is to have a "neighborhood spot."
- **Motion to Oppose the CUP (Jason/Drew) [Vote: 0 – 0 – 5]**
- Item moves to the BHNC Board as a **“Recommendation to Oppose the CUP.”**

Item 4 – Overview Presentation / Q & A on the Boyle Heights Community Plan Update

- **Remaining time was allotted to the item.**

Adjourn/8pm