



**Location:** Benjamin Franklin Library [Community Room]

**Circa:** October 12th, 2017

**Begin:** 6.15pm

**End:** 7.27pm

#### **Attendance**

**Present (5):** Jason Gallegos, Drew Brauer, Dan Morales, Ernesto Hidalgo

**Absent (1):** Patricia Moreno

**Community:** ~11 (including 1 BHNC Board Member [Jose Pelico]).

**Format of Votes:** [ (abstain) – (nay) – (yes) ]

#### **Item 1(b) – Updates:**

- **PLUC Chair** made the following announcements:
  - Transparency Document [Item 4a of the September PLUC Meeting] was approved [by the Board] with no edits
  - The recommendation to OPPOSE the CUP for 251 S Mission [ZA-2017-2451-CUB] was approved. I [Jason G.] went to the ZA hearing to represent the BHNC on this matter and state the BHNC's position. The ZA has issued a 60 day [period of assesment], where public comment can still be entered. Contact: Danai Zaire or Frank Quon (the AZA).
  - PlanCheck NC meeting for Saturday [October 14th] 10am @ the Hollenbeck Station will be on the Open Space element of the General Plan.
  - The 7-11 [ZA-2017-2743-ZA/ZAA] hearing date is scheduled for the 25th of [October] @ LA City Hall
  - Announces BHNC Community Needs Assesment Survey
  - Announces Cindy Claghorn (of PlanCheck NC) did a EmpowerLA YouTube Podcast.
  - Next CPAB meeting will be held in Lincoln Heights, at Sacred Heart Parish (2821 Bladwin St.).
  - Saturday is the 5k Munchkin Run
  - Clean Streets Challenge will be Nov 4th on Cummings, between 1st and 4th. November 11th with be at Whittier and Spencer. November 18th, at the walkway between First and Second, leading to Second Street Elementary School.
  - Tiffany Lam and Arlene Santana have resigned from PLUC and 2 Community StakeholderSeats are now open.
- **Drew Brauer** made the following announcements:
  - A [BHNC] Community Calendar will be going out.

**Item 1(c) –** Motioned by Drew & Ernie to Approve minutes for September 14th [Vote: 0 – 0 – **4 (Approved)**]

#### **Item 2 – GPC:**

- Jason (Chair) admits to not having printed out comment cards and invites community to raise hand to be acknowledged
- *No Public Comment.*

#### **Item 3(a) – Discussion & Possible Action to Community Impact Statement Supporting Council File #17-0447.**

- Ernie Hidalgo gave an overview of CF #17-0447, and Draft Support Letter
- Public Comment:
  - A Representative from Creed LA – Is opposed to the Council File
  - Community Stake Holder – Where can i find out more information about this. Is this going to effect Boyle Heights?
- Committee Comment(s):
  - Drew Brauer – There may be one active drill site in Boyle Heights. Believes that it is premature to support the ordinance prior to the Economic Study being completed, and there are severe economic impacts closing the wells, and legal issues regarding land taking.
  - Dan Morales – Not knowing more than what i just heard, 2500 is a large radius. I think it is premature.

- Ernie Hidalgo – I support the motion as is. But if we do not support the motion as is. I feel that we should wait until we have more information [to make a recommendation].
- Dan Morales asks Ernie to expand on his support of this item
- Ernie Hidalgo responds that health and safety concerns are first and foremost. Also elaborates on the Global Climate Change situation, the health of those who live next to the drill sites, the move [by the City] to renewable energies and reduction in fossil fuel usage. As well as the economic shift to support these jobs of the future.
- The Committee briefly discusses the economic impact and defaults to the Economic Study ordered by the City Council
- Jason G states that in terms of the history of Boyle Heights, most, if not all oil drilling was removed from Boyle Heights. [The drilling radius] would not affect BH directly, but the rest of LA. If the Study is to be completed in 120 days, we can come back to this subject.
- **Motion to Table** until the [economic] Study is completed (Jason/Drew) [ **Vote: 0 – 1 – 3 (Approved)** ]
  - tabled, pending the 120 day report from the City Council on the Economic Impact of this item
  - 120 days began on June 30th, and ends ~October 28th.

### **Item 3(b) – Discussion and Possible Action on Conditional Use Permit (CUW) for a Roof-Top Natural Gas Generator**

- Lynda McClung representing the applicant gave a presentation.
- Public Comment:
  - Vivian Escalante – expresses concern regarding the gas line during an Earthquake.
  - Lynda McClung (response) – "There should be a shut-off valve, but I do not have that information"
  - Dan Morales (Committee Member) – Apologizes for interrupting and states that the City's Building and Safety Code, to install a "sensitive earthquake shut-off valve."
- Committee Comment:
  - Drew B. - is that 25 feet from the front of the building or the street?
  - Lynda McClung (response) – "from the front of the building"
  - Jason G. - asks regarding the hearing date. There is none.
  - Dan M. - Makes a recommendation that they install an emergency shut off valve.
  - Ernie H. - How did you select this location?
  - Lynda McClung (response) – The site was existing.
- No objects, just concerns on safety
- **Motioned to [ Support ]** with the Recommendation that the Applicant install an Earthquake Emergency Shut-Off Valve on the Generator to address safety concerns. (Jason/Drew), [ **Vote: 0 – 0 – 4 (Approved)** ]

### **Item 3(c) – Discussion and Possible Action on Conditional Use Permit (CUB) for a Liquor License Renewal (Continued Use)**

- PLUC Chair reads project description
- Sherrie Olson and the Applicant present. Presents the 2012 previous documentation.
- Ernie – asks to clarify license status
- Response: That the license was purchased after it was pointed out as having violations. Purchased the license to shut down the store and brought in a license with several restrictions/conditions. And have not had any violations in 5 years.
- Public Comment:
  - Joana – asks regarding lighting/safety
  - Response: is that they improved lighting and LAPD has a direct feed to their location
  - Jose Pelico (BHNC Board Member) – Vouches for Applicant, that they follow the rules.
- Committee Comment:
  - Ernie H – asks regarding hours of operation (sales of alcohol)
  - Response (PLUC Chair): It is set in the [2012] CUB determination letter [Page 4, #29]
  - Drew B – states that they have met the conditions that were imposed on them and active, good community members. Supports [ the renewal]
  - Jason G – Expresses that he sees no reason to oppose this. Asks if the conditions set forth in their license are compliant with new restrictions that the Los Angeles City Council's PLUM Committee

will be imposing on gas stations/markets that sell liquor [beer/wine].

- Response: Applicant was unaware of these new city wide regulations.
- Committee found no reason to oppose this CUB
- No objections came from the Community
- Applicant has been in “good standing” with ABC and has no violations.
- Location/previous owner was in violation prior to the current owner.
- **Motioned to [ Support ] the CUB renewal (Drew/Dan), [ Vote: 0 – 0 – 4 (Approved)]**

#### **Item 4 – Discussion on the December and January Regularly Scheduled PLUC Meetings**

- Schedule of the PLUC meetings is at the Chair's discretion.
- Committee discussed on whether or not they would have a meeting in either December or January
- Committee Recommended to the Chair that we “enjoy” time off in December and reconvene in January.

#### **Items 5 – Announcements**

- Outreach meeting was Monday @ 2613 E. First St.
  - Jose Pelico – it was not reflected in the Calendar, I did not receive notification
- Budget meeting scheduled for the 18th
- Transportation & Environment Committee meeting was canceled, and is looking to reschedule.
- Executive Meeting meets on October 19th, at the Bengajimin Franklin Library
- General Board Meeting is October 25th.
- Neighborhood Committee is scheduled November 1st at the Benjamin Franklin Library
- Next PLUC meeting is November 9
- Boyle Heights Community Plan Update are going to be meeting on the 24th from 6pm – 8pm and October 28th at the Boyle Heights City Hall from 10am – 1pm
- Boyle Heights Harvest Festival will be October 29th
- Clean Streets Challenge will be Nov 4th on Cummings, between 1st and 4th. November 11th will be at Whittier and Spencer. November 18th, at the walkway between First and Second, leading to Second Street Elementary School.

#### **Item 6 – Adjournment**

- Motioned to Adjourn (Drew/Dan)
- GPC: Comment on GPC on Item 3(a), that one of the speakers was representing oil interests/a lobbyist.
- Jason: Explained the process for Reconsideration to the Committee/Public
- **[ Vote: 0 – 0 – 4 (Approved)] Meeting adjourned (7.27pm)**