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Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting
Benjamin Franklin Library [2200 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033]
Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 6:15pm

Meeting called at 6:24pm.

Public Comment

1. Hortencia- Thanks Council for support on 5G tower. Would like to have an item on the agenda at the next general board meeting on an upcoming event. Would like to request funding at Casa Mexicano on 5G and the hazards on human life and animals. Will have animals and speakers from people who are suffering now from magnetic waves. Antenna on 406 S. Breed St. which is in conflict with the school location, would like for it to be at this meeting. 5Gsummit.com is in LA and free.

PLUC Business

1. Motion to approve by Vivian, second by Alma. Unanimously approved.

LA Forward

1. LA based non-profit that is focused on creating affordable housing here in Los Angeles.
2. Want to crowd source any sites that could be used to build up affordable housing. Goal is for the communities to determine where there is an opportunity for affordable housing.
3. Audience Questions/ Board Questions
 - a. Are you trying to change zoning?
 - i. Answer- up to you. We would want you to tell us where there are properties. We look for developers that want to build affordable housing. They want it to be affordable for the community
 - b. Do you know the median income for BH? The LA City Planning Department has already done a lot of research on this.
 - c. How do you ensure BH neighbors are the ones who get the housing?
 - i. Our goal is to increase affordable housing for the community. We want to take the opposite approach for communities. Ask communities for location first and then find the right developers to do the job. We're not talking about market rate developments that have affordable set asides. We are talking about developers who will do 100% affordable housing.
 - d. We want more home ownership.
 - e. Why are you picking Boyle Heights instead of other underserved communities? Will you also try to pitch to the community someone who is from the community?
 - i. We've gone to a bunch of communities. Going community by community. We'd like to go to all of the neighborhood councils. We've already spoken to Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Lincoln Park, and Glasell Heights. We do want to try to find someone from BH
 - f. What you're asking is a lot and I think you need to gain trust from the community? People are scared. What are you doing to gain trust? Do you have any case studies where this has worked? Do you know the community?
 - i. We'd like to continue to build a relationship. If there are people interested, please come speak to us. Around development, our goal is to have the community be involved with the development piece so that when there is opportunity, the community is a stakeholder rather than the other way around. In some degree, this is a pilot program. Don't know if there's another study that shows that this works, but we want to make community stakeholders at the beginning of the process. Want the community to assist in that process so that the community can be in charge of determining where they want affordable housing to be built. In Blumenthal's district, the community identified some parking lots that were underutilized and

- g. Developers do get a lot of input from the community as far as design, but no one is respecting the historical preservation of design. We also need to share the land. BH is being threatened. There are other communities that need housing, not just us. We also need to have homes for people to buy. Where is your office based?
 - i. Technically our office is based in Koreatown out of the LA Voice office, but volunteer organizers are all over the city.
- h. This community wasn't built for large apartments. It's overwhelming us. Kids are not safe crossing the street. Parker Center did not have to be demolished for high rent office buildings.

4. Citywide Sign Ordinance

- a. Neighborhoods should be able to decide the signs that go into their community.
- b. The city council is trying to decide where digital billboards are going and when.
- c. There are two versions of the legislation before the committee. One was written by the planning commission and it's pretty strict (only high commercial areas). PLUM committee under the chairmanship of Huizar would allow digital billboards anywhere. A lot of council members get contributions from these companies.
- d. BHNC wrote a CIS that also highlights illegal signs. City Council doesn't seem to care about enforcement. This body should intensify the pressure to take down illegal signs.
- e. Vivian and Alma will go to the meeting.

5. Boyle Heights Community Plan- Haydee Urita-Lopez

- a. Haydee Urita Lopez works at the City Planning Department // community members can sign up for newsletters about any updates. Last year worked w/bhnc committees via roundtables.
- b. Community Plan is the blueprint that guides what's going to happen in the city over the next 20 years. We update the BH plan.
- c. BH Community Plan update restarted in 2012.
- d. Online- there is a tab called updates and a tab called resources so you can go back and see everything that was said.
- e. Two big things that we are updating
 - i. Policy document: This is important because when there are issues that come up, we look at the goals and policies from the community plan to see if it's in compliance with the goals and policies.
 - 1. Another important chapter is the implementation chapter.
 - 2. Implementation programs chapter hasn't been written yet. It's coming this fall.
 - 3. The Community Plan document does help when we are reviewing projects.
 - ii. Zoning is critical. We could do two Saturday workshops to go over zoning.
- f. There will be a summer update on the website. On the contacts tab, you can add your email to get an update on it.
- g. This fall we are hoping to share the community plan which will address comments from 2016 to now. It's still a draft so we can take comments on it.
- h. We are waiting for the environmental piece. Draft plan and affordable housing piece for the area will be in the draft.
- i. Draft EIR is evaluating the impacts of the proposed plan.
- j. Questions
 - i. Is there a way to reopen community input?
 - 1. PlanCheck NC
 - 2. Neighborhood liaison for this community is Dylan
 - ii. Does environmental impact report reflect the impact of 5g?
 - 1. The report is not done yet, but give me your comment in writing.
 - iii. The environmental study is being worked on?
 - 1. Hopefully will be done this week.
 - iv. Could you put rules on developments that prioritize BH residents?
 - 1. Called first right of refusal. We can write a letter saying that in Boyle Heights we would like for first right of refusal.
 - 2. BHNC should send that in.
 - 3. HCID- first right of refusal- when a development comes in, you get the right to return when the project comes in.

4. Would be helpful to have HCID and City Planning to talk.
- v. One of my concerns is that there is very little agency on the arts and culture of Boyle Heights. Can you add an arts and culture plan to the community plan?
 1. There the planning department and the cultural heritage commission. We should invite someone from the cultural heritage committee to talk about it. If you came up with some goals and policies for a subsection, write them up and send it.
- vi. Could have goals and policies that say local developers will be developed.
- vii. The language seemed very vague with very general goals? Will it get more specific?
 1. Plan is general policy
 2. Zoning is where it get more specific
- k. Follow Up
 - i. Haydee will send us dates for a zoning workshop.
 - ii. Haydee will connect us to Maiya from HCID.
6. Motion to adjourn- Vivian, Second- Kevin, unanimous vote in favor
7. Adjourn 7:58pm

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