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**Land Use and Planning
Committee
MINUTES
July 9, 2008
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1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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4 Challis Macpherson called the meeting to order. LUPC members present:

5 Robert Aronson, Dennis Hathaway, Challis Macpherson, Jim Murez, Jed

6 Pauker, John Reed, Maury Ruano, Ruthie Seroussi and Arnold Springer.

7 **2. APPROVAL OF THIS AGENDA AS PRESENTED OR AMENDED**

8 **3. APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

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11 **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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13 (Taken out of order) Challis Macpherson announced that Gail Goldberg and
14 Jane Usher will attend a Planning workshop on the following Saturday.

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16 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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20 A. Projects for LUPC statement of No Opinion Without Prejudice

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22 LUPC takes no position without prejudice and makes no recommendation
23 to the Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council

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25 B. Projects for LUPC statement of Adherence to existing law.

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27 (Taken out of order) There was extensive discussion of the wording of a
28 statement to be published regarding fence height issues.
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30 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

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32 A. 2805 Abbot Kinney Blvd, ZA 2008-579 CUB
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34 Challis Macpherson advised that Pat Brown, the ZA assigned to this case,
35 urged the developer to meet with LUPC regarding the issue. Ruthie
36 Seroussi provided background information, noting that a potential parking
37 problem existed and that the impact on neighbors regarding noise should
38 be discussed. Arnold Springer suggested that community consensus
39 should be reached regarding changes to the Venice Coastal Zone Specific
40 Plan. Jed Pauker suggested scheduling weekly meetings regarding
41 overarching issues.
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43 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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45 Ruthie Seroussi advised that a fundraiser for Councilman Bill Rosendahl will
46 take place on July 10, 2008, from 6:30pm to 8pm at 1234 Preston Way.
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48 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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50 None noted.
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52 **10. ADMINISTRATIVE**

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54 A. LUPC Chair report on VNC Board of Officers actions relative to LUPC
55 recommendations.
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57 B. 720 Brooks Report
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59 Arnold Springer noted the importance of the report provided by Challis
60 Macpherson regarding 720 Brooks and discussed the action taken by the
61 VNC Board of Officers. Ms. Macpherson provided her insights regarding
62 the Board's reception of her report. The discussion that followed referred
63 to the formulation of a draft anti-mansionization policy and how such a
64 policy could be implemented in the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Macpherson
65 agreed to contact Susan Papadakis and Bruce Birch(?) to request their
66 assistance with the policy; Dennis Hathaway agreed to review the
67 document submitted by Mr. Springer.
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69 C. LUPC Task Force reports
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71 None noted.

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73 D. Staff Reports on Current Projects

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75 There was agreement to include mention of Karolina Mouingo's title as
76 Administrative Liaison on the LUPC website.

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78 E. Agenda Building

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80 It was agreed that the LUPC July 23, 2008 meeting would review the
81 following issues: discussion of the Tenants Rights Policy proposed by
82 stakeholder Noel Weiss; 2805 Abbot Kinney Blvd. There was extensive
83 discussion about outreach for this meeting.

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85 The August 13, 2008 LUPC meeting agenda will include:
86 248 Westminster; Rooftop Garden, with draft staff report; 1711 Lincoln

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88 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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90 The meeting adjourned by common consent.