



Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use & Planning Committee

Monthly Report to the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers by the Land Use and Planning Committee for the Month of March, 2006

LUPC held two regular meetings in March, 2006. One March 1st and the other March 15th. Each meeting had a quorum and was well attended by the public.

March 1, 2006 agenda had one new issue: Noel Weiss, stakeholder, asked LUPC to initiate a letter of request to the State Assemblyman to amend the government code section #27281.5 to authorize a city to record land use conditions on behalf of developers. Motion made, seconded and passed 5-0-3 that LUPC recommend that the board form an Ad Hoc Committee to study the issue of preventing developers from "gaming" the system as it is presently constructed.

I presented this issue to the Executive Committee and was told to create an Ad Hoc Committee responsible to LUPC. I subsequently did so, with Mr. Noel Weiss as the chair. He is currently collecting his committee, composing the Mission Statement and organizing committee reporting dates. As an Ad Hoc Committee with non-board members, it will observe the Brown Act restrictions.

Under Old Business, Mr. Carl Reimer of DCA Civil Engineering Group represented Gilly Rojnany owner of the property at 1101-1109 Venice Blvd, with an update on this project. Mr. Reimer asked for time at the April 4th LUPC meeting to make a formal presentation of the redone project. Ms. Maureen Cotter summarized her position as a tenant, noting that the eviction notices tenants have received.

March 15, 2006 agenda had two issues; the I90 freeway extension from Culver Blvd, Culver City, to Admiralty in Marina del Rey, and a commercial property at 3015 Ocean without a commercial permit, and one presentation by Mr. Frank Murphy on his projects, past, present and future, for LUPC and community information only.



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The proposed I90 Freeway extension from Culver Boulevard to Admiralty was presented by Mr. Barry Kurtz, Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors. Mr. Kurtz emphasized that traffic into Venice from Marina del Rey would not increase.

Mr. Jim McGlothlin represented Ms. Stepheni Cantor, owner, of 3015 Ocean Avenue regarding Ms. Cantor's attempts to update the permits on her property. She has owned the property for 30 years in which time is has operated as a commercial establishment with several commercial tenants. It was originally a residential building, then converted to commercial with no commercial permits. LUPC listened and then debated the issue. LUPC requested that the applicants return to LUPC in April.

Mr. Frank Murphy, as a stakeholder and small Venice developer, requested time to present his projects - past, present and future - for LUPC's information only. He did so.

Under Old Business, Kristen Montet Lonner reported on the progress The Ambrose Group was making on plans for a hotel at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Brooks. Her report was that they would be making a formal presentation in May, 2006.

Also under Old Business, LUPC received copies of Statements of Motion for all the motions made by LUPC through the month of February, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Challis Macpherson, Chair, Land Use and Planning Committee
