

Minutes for HHWNC's PLUM Committee Meeting on September 6, 2018

PLUM Committee members Patty Dryden, Orrin Feldman, Oren Katz, Danielle Mead, Luminita Roman and Matt Shictman attended the meeting. Barbara Witkin, Area 7 Chair, attended the meeting to participate as a PLUM Committee member when the application with regard to the Domino's Pizza at 7220 West Sunset Boulevard.

There were a sufficient number of committee members present to establish a quorum.

Orrin Feldman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approximately 20 stakeholders were present.

The draft minutes of the committee's meeting held on July 12, 2018, were discussed. A motion to approve the draft meeting's minutes, as revised, was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Orrin provided a brief update on what occurred at the City Planning Commission's hearing on August 23, 2018, to consider the proposed project for 7500 Sunset Boulevard and adjacent sites, which was approved.

Orrin also mentioned that Matthew Hayden, the representative for the Electric Owl, which is located at 1451 N. Gardner Street, wouldn't be able to be at the meeting, and that the Electric Owl would make its presentation at a later date.

1. 7700 Briar Summit Drive -

Arvin Norouzi, American Tower's representative, explained American Tower LLC's intention to propose (i) removing some older cell poles and towers, and (ii) renovating and adding more facilities to the cell tower site it operates at the top of Briar Summit. Mr. Norouzi explained that American Tower still was finalizing its application to the Planning Department, which would be reviewed at the Mulholland Design Review Board.

Committee and stakeholder comments were positive about the need to add more facilities for transmitting data, but there were additional questions about (i) whether the towers could be painted in some color(s) or design(s) to make the towers more attractive, and (ii) whether a public art project could be added too.

Mr. Norouzi had no new landscaping plan for the site, which is at the summit of Briar Summit.

Orrin mentioned that Mr. Norouzi's predecessor, Jamie Hall, Esq., had undertaken to have American Tower provide landscaping, but that American Tower had not added any landscaping when HHWNC was last asked to look at the site back in 2012.

2. 7220 W. Sunset Boulevard -

Domino's Pizza's franchise owner and several employees came back to continue the discussion about whether there was a certificate of occupancy, what the hours of operations are and should be, and whether the City's Planning Department should approve Domino's pending application to extend the hours of operation until midnight on Sundays through Thursdays, and to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The franchise owner presented a LA Department of Building & Safety certificate of occupancy for the site, which LADBS issued on March 13, 2018. The approved hours of operation listed on the certificate for the take-out restaurant are from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The committee members and stakeholders expressed widespread opposition to the proposal to extend the hours of operation for the take-out operation because of concern(s) that granting the take-out restaurant's application would set a bad precedent and encourage other retailers in that mini shopping center and in other Sunset Blvd. mini shopping centers to make similar requests.

The franchise owner undertook to come back to continue the discussion(s) at the next committee meeting.

3. 6523 West Hollywood Boulevard -

Marc Levun, who is the planning person in the law offices of Michael Gonzales, explained that the restaurant space would be leased to Harold's Chicken, a Chicago based restaurant chain, for its first Harold's Chicken Shack in Los Angeles. it will be a casual dining business, rather than a fast food outlet.

The committee members and stakeholders were curious about the restaurant's proposed operations. The committee's members voted 6-0 to table consideration as to whether to support Adolfo Suaya's application for a conditional use permit to sell alcohol at the restaurant until Mr. Levun could come back with someone from Harold's Chicken to discuss their plans for the restaurant.

4. 8000 Sunset Boulevard -

Clayton Przekop, who is the representative of the Rock N Roll Sushi restaurant on the second floor of this shopping center, explained that the restaurant has applied to renew it's conditional use permit to sell alcoholic beverages, and is asking the Planning Department to expand it's hours of operation so that it can sell such beverages at a new lunch service.

The committee members and stakeholders' comments were supportive.

The committee voted (7 to 0) to recommend to HHWNC's Board that the Board should support Rock N Roll Sushi's application to renew its conditional use permit if the restaurant's hours of operation are limited to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

5. Public Comments on Non-agendized items.

John Girodo asked HHWNC to monitor and report back to HHWNC's stakeholders about whether and how each of the two City Council Member's offices have responded to each HHWNC recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.