Minutes for HHWNC’s PLUM Committee Meeting on July 12, 2018

PLUM Committee members Patty Dryden, Orrin Feldman, Oren Katz, Danielle Mead, Luminita Roman and Matt Shichtman attended the meeting. Brian Dyer, Area 3 Chair, attended the meeting to participate as a PLUM Committee member when the proposed project for 6815 West Hollywood Boulevard was discussed. Rich Joludow, Area 2 Chair, attended the meeting to participate as a PLUM Committee member when the proposed project for 3780 Cahuenga Boulevard was discussed, but arrived after the discussion.

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 25 stakeholders were present.

The draft minutes of the committee’s meeting held on June 7, 2018, were discussed. A motion to approve the draft meeting’s minutes, as revised, was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Orrin announced the committee’s next meeting date would be on September 6, unless it turned out that an August meeting would be required.

1. 1451 N. Gardner Street -

The Electric Owl restaurant came back to discuss whether the restaurant was serving enough food during the daytime lunch and happy hours time periods.

Matthew Hayden, the restaurant’s representative, and two of the restaurant’s employees, came to share the restaurant’s new brunch and lunch menus.

Committee and stakeholder comments were positive.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to approve a motion recommending that HHWNC’s Board vote to support the Planning Department’s confirming the conditional use permit for the restaurant to serve a full line of alcoholic beverages.

2. 7220 Sunset Boulevard - Domino’s Pizza

Dave Fluker, the restaurant’s representative, and several of the restaurant’s employees, came to discuss how the restaurant is operating later than the 10 p.m. time allowed by the City’s commercial corner rules.

Committee and stakeholder comments were questioning how the restaurant could be operating in its current manner, whether it has a certificate of occupancy from LADBS, and whether the Planning Department approved the site’s change of use from a laundromat to a restaurant.

Mr. Fluker and his colleagues didn’t have the information which was being requested.

The PLUM Committee asked Mr. Fluker to come back to the September 6th meeting with the restaurant’s franchise owner and leasing agent(s) to answer the questions and provide the information.

3. 3780 Cahuenga Boulevard -

Tim Brown and Jackie Muhich made a presentation about First Element Fuel, Inc’s proposal to install hydrogen refueling equipment in the Chevron gas station at this site.

Committee and stakeholder interest in the new technology was high; comments were supportive.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC’s Board vote to support the proposed project to install hydrogen refueling equipment at the Chevron gas station.

4. 6815 W. Hollywood Boulevard

Nick Leathers represented The Elizabeth Peterson Group on behalf of EPG’s client, The Brewery Dudes restaurant. The restaurant wants to add more space and seats to the building which it’s renovating now.

Committee and stakeholder comments ranged from supportive to critical, and there were several comments suggesting that the restaurant was piece mealing its project by dividing the project into two cases at the Planning Department.

The Committee asked Mr. Leathers to come back to further discuss the proposed project at the September 12th meeting, and asked that the restaurant consider giving up the second floor patio space in return for being allowed to enclose the remaining space on the building’s second floor for additional enclosed restaurant and bar seating/space.

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.