

Minutes
COMMITTEES MEETING
HHWNC Area 3, Business, Housing, Public Safety
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
April 19, 2021, 6:00 PM

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- I. **Call to order and welcome:** 6:00 PM. 17 attending.
- II. **Approval of April 19, 2021 Area 3, Area 3, Area 4, Housing, and Infrastructure Committees**

- III. **1723 Wilcox - ENV-2019-5240-EAF;**

Proposed demolition of an existing structure and construction of a seven-story 81 guest room hotel structure with 2 above ground floors of parking and a 1,903 sf rooftop restaurant. Maximum height is 83 feet. <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjMyMDAx0>. **Possible motion and vote.**

Prefaced discussion of developer rights according to zoning, referring to ZIMAS. Property is [Q]RF-2.

Presenter stated that when the family owned property obtained a luxury exemption for 16 units. Only two units are considered RSO. No longer looking for any rooftop uses. Asking for a café on the second floor for guests only. Asking for a retail store to activate frontage along Wilcox. Ratio 4.6 to 1. Not restricted height. Proposed is 75 feet. Proposing 60 parking spaces, 37 subterranean, 23 on ground floor. One driveway coming in and out of Wilcox.

Current tenants know that the owners are considering the hotel. The owners no longer want to be in the rental business.

Housing Chair mentioned possibly getting tenants together for a meeting. Both Business Chair and Housing Chair talked about housing crisis and the need for more housing, not hotel rooms. Would like to see the owners come and adequately compensate tenants, for the 16 units not under RSO. Area 4 Chair asked why not a managed apartment building. Presenter said he would express the concerns to the owners, but that at this stage, they were out of managing.

Area 3 Chair concerned with the design further degrading the historic look of Hollywood district towards modernism. Thank the owners for not pursuing a rooftop. Also, plant more trees on sidewalk, since tree canopy in the city is being lost.

Hotel will be requesting liquor licenses.

Hotel balconies will be facing residential building. Concern about the transient aspect of a hotel next to a residence, and noise issues.

Board President mentioned the tourism industry and how hard it has been on hotels. Wanted to know if they have done research on the market.

Applicant is asking for a categorical class 32 in-fill exemption, so does not have to do MND.

Public comments: give the management over to the city of low income housing. Public would prefer permanent

housing, not hotel on the project.

Comments on the Hollywood Fault running through the area and possibly can't tell surface ruptures.

Concern about congestion at Wilcox and Hollywood. Adequate drop-offs for gig drivers.

Vote was not taken.

IV. Evolving Safety issues in Areas 3 & 4 due to the pandemic:

Walk arounds with local police – Officer Brian White will join to discuss safety and the use of neighborhood walks to establish neighborhood residential presence in Area 3 and Area 4.

Area 3 Chair, the City has had a hands off issue with regards to residents and the unhoused. Looking at how to close the gap and make the residents presence known.

Officer White speaking about expanding the foot beat into a community walk to activate spaces. And community engagement.

Will need to work with Public Safety Chair and Area Chairs to set up a public safety meeting.

Public Safety chair clarified with Officer White that originally thinking Hollywood Boulevard. But can be expanding North to match the desires of the neighborhood. Will get a meeting together.

Public comment – what has been the contact with the unhoused? Board member stated that LAHSA wants people who are trained doing the approaching. Officer White also responded that enforcement, they can ask the owner of articles blocking the sidewalk to remove them, but the officer can't do it themselves.

V. LA City Council; CF-21-002-283 Resolution to Support AB 1400.

Support of City Council resolution Los Angeles City Council's resolution CF-21-002-283 (Bonin) to include in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1400 (Kalra), which would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. **Possible motion and vote.**

Presentation done by Community member in support of the motion, showing cost savings with bureaucracy cutting, prevention screen and early treatment. Opposition to the motion was invited, but did not appear.

Public asked about bill affecting Kaiser. Instead of a Kaiser card, you would get a CalCare card that you would use at a Kaiser facility.

Board member mentioned the program will cost 400 billion. Response was that Californians spend \$410 billion a year already, 70 billion coming from taxpayer funds.

Board member owns a company and pays 100% of 24 employees' health insurance. Does the program give medical professionals more money? What about employees outside of the state? Doctors will not be spending on personnel to process claims, saving money. Employees out of State will have a marginal time to be out of State.

The City wants it, because they are a large employer and will save on their premiums.

MOTION: The Area 3, Area 4, Business, Public Safety and Housing Committees request the Board of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council support Los Angeles City CF-21-002-283 Resolution to Support AB

1400. 10 Yays, 0 nays.

Discussion included needing to understand before vote, about how the money will be vetoed, why the hospitals are fighting against it. Board member encouraged presenter to try and get opposition before being before the Board.

Questioned how long the resolution has been going through Council. New, since report on motion came back April 9, 10 days previous.

VI. Committee Business - Comments from the Committee on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction

- a. Comment on Committee Member's own activities/ Brief announcements. None
- b. Brief response to statements made/questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights. None
- c. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda. None
- d. Ask Committee Chairpersons to research issues and report back to the Committee at a future time. None

VII. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events. None stated

VIII. Comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

Comment by Public to always check the Zoom ID because it is often incorrect.

Comment that Planning has asked for a feasibility study of the Hollywood Community Plan. eMail your representatives about the density in the regional center., and the protections needed for the historic core.

IX. Decision on next meeting date(s) not decided.

X. Adjournment: 8:31 PM