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Planning & Land Use Committee
and
Health & Safety Committee



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**“Special” Joint Board & Planning & Land Use and Health & Safety Committee Agenda
MINUTES**

Saturday, June 27, 2020, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
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Out of an abundance of caution due to the possible attendance and participation of a majority of Voices Neighborhood Council Board Members at this Special Joint Committee meeting, this meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's Brown Act. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board at this meeting of the Committee. Only Committee Members are allowed to vote.

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions – 1:05pm; Board Members present: A. Farias, J. Rabb, S. Nieto, P. Rand, E. Garren, Committee Members present: S. House, M. Crawford, J. Sanders**
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items (2 minutes per speaker) – E. Garren would like to host a Zoom viewing of Sunshine State.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Planning & Land Use/Health & Safety February 2020 meeting – no minutes provided**
- 4. Metro Rail to River (R2R)/South LA Climate Commons project (15 min)**
(report/discussion/possible action to bring full board)
There is a budget shortfall for the project. Recommendation for the VoicesNC Board to endorse a letter to LA County Board of Supervisors to use Measure W funds to fully support the project at \$8.45 Million.
Action – Motion to give Eli Lipmen (President of The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) the below items (Green space for storm water capture; prevent street flooding/polluted water; plant trees to increase canopy; focus on porous concrete to help mitigate run off water) we would like to see included in the endorsement letter to LA County Board of Supervisors. Request Eli Lippman and Sherilyn Correa from CD9 present at Voices NC general board meeting in July; J. Rabb motioned; P. Rand second; all approved unanimously.
- 5. Conditional Use Permit for 711 (Fig and 54th St.) (15 min)** (report/discussion/possible action to bring full board)
Case ID: ZA-2020-2673-CUB
Address: 5401 S. Figueroa
Project: Conditional use permit for sale of beer and wine for offsite consumption.

Action -Request that Yenise Camacho from CD9 find out crime data around this 711 store and report back to us. Also request that CUP items go through Voices NC for consideration. Motion to invite 711 owners to present at Voices NC general board meeting in July Eli Lippman and Sherilyn Correa from CD9 present at Voices NC board meeting in July; J. Rabb motioned; M. Crawford second; all approved unanimously.

6. Demolition of 4 units and build 31 unit building (15 min) (report/discussion/possible action to bring full board)

Case ID: DIR-2020-1822-TOC

Address: 836-844 W. 42nd Pl (Between Menlo and Hoover)

Project: Demolish 4 residential units and add 31 units, 5 of which are affordable units.

Action - E. Garren moves that we recommend Voices NC not approve the TOC project because of concerns about density; lack of green space and off-street parking. M.Crawford second.

P. Rand amended the motion that the Planning & Land Use /Health & Safety Committee do not support this project and there is no recommendation to the full board. Request to invite the developers to the next committee meeting. J. Rabb second; all approved unanimously.

7. Demolition of car wash and boba to build gas station and car wash (43rd and Vermont) (15 min) (report/discussion/possible action to bring full board)

Case ID: ZA-2020-1863-CU-WDI

Address: 4270, 4276, 4280 S. Vermont; 975 W. 43rd St.

Project: Demolition and new construction; 1) conditional use to allow new automatic car wash; 2) 24 hour operation; 3) less than 50% transparent windows fronting 43rd St.; 4) Relief of the requested 8 foot street dedication and improvements on Vermont Ave and relief of the requested 25 foot curb radius.

Action -Motion that the Planning & Land Use/Health & Safety Committee recommend that Voices NC not support the project due to environmental impact of gas emissions; need more information why the existing restaurant is closing, etc. and invite the developers/owners to present at the next committee meeting. Yenise Camacho from CD9 stated the project is on hold. S. House motioned; M. Crawford second; all approved unanimously.

8. Tenants rights virtual workshop (15 min) (report/discussion/possible action to bring full board)

COVID-19-related rights and protections as a renter in the City of Los Angeles with legal experts and city staff.

Date: TBD (Mid to Late July)

Action - Motion that Voices NC approve the request for the Health & Safety Committee hold a Tenants Right virtual workshop as soon as possible since the moratorium on evictions deadline is July 31, 2020. S. Nieto motioned; P. Rand second; all approved unanimously.

9. Request for future agenda items - M. Crawford said Vermont/Slauson Econ Development is helping small business create commercial kitchens for small business to promote healthy eating. Current rates for cloud kitchen are too high (approx.. \$3,000-7,000 per month) and small businesses aren't able to afford them. Would like to agendize on the next committee meeting a discussion/possible impact statement that Voices NC general board support these spaces in South LA.

10. Adjourn at 3:14pm

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Government code Section 54957.9

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Resolution Regarding 9 State Land Use Bills

July 21, 2020

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WHEREAS the Los Angeles City Charter mandated certified Neighborhood Council and Community Council system of the City of Los Angeles represents grass roots democracy within our city; and

WHEREAS a portion of bills going through the State Legislature have a direct impact on RVNC stakeholders and thereby fall under the jurisdictional purview of the RVNC; and

WHEREAS the recently introduced slate of 9 legislative bills to the California State Legislature, as written and in general, constitutes top down pen stroke planning measures completely or in part removing land use and planning authority within large portions of the City of Los Angeles thereby elimination of this authority clearly abolishes local input by the city and its stakeholders into land use planning, and therefore constitutes an attack upon local independence and democracy, upon our neighborhoods, and upon the LA City certified Neighborhood Councils and Community Councils; and

WHEREAS it is reported the City of Los Angeles has enough zoning capacity to house an additional 7,100,000 people without having to upzone a single parcel;

“The last time the City of Los Angeles calculated its un-tapped zoning capacity, for the 2006 General Plan Framework, it determined that the full buildout population of Los Angeles would be 7.1 million people, based on existing zoning.”¹

Given the passage of a city Transportation Orientated Communities (TOC) ordinance, the existing zoning capacity could be as high as 9,000,000 people; and

WHEREAS it is estimated the current population growth rate is 0.32% annually², which means at the current rate, the city would not reach its maximum capacity (7.1 million/9 million) for decades; and

WHEREAS the need for open space has been proven with respect to the health and well-being of the citizens of the City of Los Angeles³; and

WHEREAS, per the housing advocate organization Livable CA⁴, the list of these 9 bills and their detrimental nature are as follows:

SB 1120 (by Scott Wiener and Toni Atkins): Crushes single-family zoning in California, a threat to 8 million homeowners at all income levels. State Sen. Scott Wiener has called yards and single-family homes “immoral.” SB 1120 allows 4 market-rate homes where a single home now stands (theoretically it allows 8 units, if cities have local “granny flat” laws). Requires NO affordable units. Clearly opens California to speculation frenzy.

SB 902 (by Scott Wiener): Allows a majority on any city council to overturn voter-

¹ <https://citywatchla.com/index.php/2016-01-01-13-17-00/los-angeles/16371-five-myths-accelerating-la-s-race-to-the-bottom>

² <https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/14042-elusive-population-growth-in-the-city-angels>

³ <https://journalistsresource.org/studies/environment/cities/health-benefits-urban-green-space-research-roundup/>

⁴ <https://www.livablecalifornia.org/9-bad-bills-sb-1120-sb-902-sb-1085-sb-995-and-ab-725-ab-1279-ab-2345-ab-3040-ab-3107/>

approved ballot measures that protect open space, shorelines and other lands — killing a 108-year-old California voter right. AND allows any city council to rezone “any parcel” to 10-unit luxury apartments, overriding all other zoning including single-family, and inviting gentrification into older, diverse, multi-family areas. Requires NO affordable units. Clearly opens California to speculation frenzy.

SB 995 (by Wiener and Atkins): Slashes the number of affordable units developers must build to qualify for large “fast-track” apartment complexes that get around the environmental protection law, CEQA. Currently, a “fast-track” building can ignore CEQA only if a developer offers 49% of units as affordable. SB 995 slashes the 49% to just 15%, allowing huge buildings but SEVERELY CUTTING the legislature’s commitment to affordable housing.

SB 1085 (by Nancy Skinner): Currently, developers are rewarded a 35% increase in apartment building size — a “Density Bonus” — if 40% of the units in the building are affordable to moderate-income households. SB 1085 slashes to just 20% the required moderate-income units, allowing huge buildings but CUTTING IN HALF the legislature’s commitment to affordable housing.

AB 725 (by Buffy Wicks and Scott Wiener): A severe threat to more than 300 cities who have not attracted enough housing to hit state-ordered growth targets known as “RHNA.” AB 725 would bring density and upheaval to single-family, duplex, and multi-family areas, whose residents have never even heard of “RHNA.” “RHNA” was once a helpful growth-forecasting tool, but is now used (especially by Scott Wiener) as a state weapon to force excessive density on communities.

AB 1279 (by Richard Bloom): IF this radical bill became law, an obscure state committee would ONLY THEN identify neighborhoods as “Opportunity Zones” where 50-unit to 120-unit apartment buildings could be built, ignoring local zoning as long as affordable units are included. For developers who don’t want to provide affordable units, the bill lets them pay a woefully insufficient “in lieu” fee — then build profitable 10-unit luxury apartments. All without a single hearing.

AB 2345 (by Lorena Gonzalez and David Chiu): Allows developers to add 50% in “Density Bonus” size to a building if they agree to provide more affordable housing units than are now required under “Density Bonus.” To create huge buildings, developers would be allowed to ignore most well-planned city controls on height, open space such as courtyards, parking, design review, building setbacks, side yards, trees, sustainable materials and other local standards.

AB 3040 (by David Chiu): It’s a “Sophie’s Choice”: Cities can choose to comply with AB 3040 by sacrificing single-family homes older than 15 years — think South L.A., East L.A., and diverse older suburbs — to satisfy state growth dictates known as “RHNA.” OR cities can refuse to comply with AB 3040 and try to meet the growth dictates by relying on the state Density Bonus program. Stay with us here, folks: Unfortunately, the Density Bonus program is a FAIL, preventing cities from approving even close to the number of affordable units required by “RHNA.” 300 cities won’t make the “RHNA” deadlines. When cities fail, a divisive and punitive law by Scott Wiener, SB 35, will let developers ignore many local zoning rules to build as they wish.

AB 3107 (by Richard Bloom and Phil Ting): Wrecks height havoc by allowing tall apartments where cafés, shops or businesses now stand, even if adjacent to homes. The new apartments would contain 20% affordable units. Each city faces a different fate — the bill arbitrarily upzones to the tallest height now allowed in commercial or residential areas

½ mile away. In L.A. it means 9-story apartments citywide. It wipes out a citywide residential 30-foot height limit in Manhattan Beach to allow 99 feet. In the working-class Latino and Black suburb of Inglewood, the 75' maximum for commercial towers could quickly spread to neighborhood shops.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the RVNC strongly urges the Los Angeles City Council to bring a motion forward and to vote with haste to OPPOSE this slate of 9 CA state legislative bills, add opposition to these bills to its legislative agenda, and to vigorously lobby CA state legislators to vote no on these bills.

PRESENTED BY: Rachael Rose Luckey

SECONDED BY: Uver Santa Cruz

YES: X NO: X ABSTAIN: X ABSENT: X INELIGIBLE: X

ON THIS DATE: July 21,2020