

Planning/Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee
Tuesday, March 17th, 2009, 6:00 to 7:55 PM
Mar Vista Library (Southwest corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)
12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace

(Every MVCC Stakeholder present is allowed to vote on every motion introduced at this meeting)

Minutes (**Chair: Steve Wallace**)

Call to Order

Introductions and Public Announcements/Comments

Sharon Commins reported that the City was giving workshops to help those in trouble of foreclosure

Approval of Minutes for meeting on 2/17/09, with correction that the Committee had not agreed to an informal letter of support for the project by Committee members to sign and send to the Board without a formal motion

Report on MVCC Board Actions on Urban Planning/Land Use Committee-Related Efforts

No motions for Board to vote on at last meeting

Committee/Task Force Reports

Commercial Corridors Update

1) Landscaping and Tree-Trimming/Planting Updates on National, Venice and other Blvds.

Friends of Beethoven was doing a treeplanting as part of the Million Trees LA initiative on 3/21/09; also there was a St. John's tree-maintenance project on 3/21/09

2) Update of Venice Blvd. Streetscape Improvement Association

Chris McKinnon reported that the VBSIA was officially a 501(c)3

3) Update on Concept Plan, Old Fire Station 62 and ROSE Committees, Planning Pilot Program and

Correspondence from CD 11 EC Planning Committee

Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger reported that the Old FS62 ad hoc committee was weighing in on keeping any sale of this site within Mar Vista with a trust similar to that in Venice, and although there was some desire by the committee to weigh in on support of this motion as well, others (such as Albert Olson and Nancy Karlin) recommended tabling it because that other committee was voting on it in the immediate future

There were also concerns raised by Steve Wallace about Bill Rosendahl's Livable Streets initiative meeting without community input, and the following motion was raised by Ken Alpern, seconded by Rachel Swanger and then passed 7-0-1:

Policy Motion:

The MVCC Board insists that the Livable Blvds. Planning team, enlisted by Bill Rosendahl and his Planning Staff, report to the MVCC on its progress to date

Signage-Related Update/Issues in Residential Areas

Sharon Commins reported that AB109 for a two -year state moratorium was moving through the state legislature

Old Business, with potential motions

Letter for Variance Request at 12605 Pacific Ave.

After much discussion, it was agreed that because the CD11 office was working with Trudy Wichert to create the variance process it was unnecessary for the MVCC to weigh in on this issue further at this immediate time

New Business

Discussion of establishing mixed-use developments, commercial corridor developments, and/or transportation-related density nodes on Venice Blvd., with appropriate variances amenable to the MVCC

Adjournment

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