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Meeting Agenda
April 18, 2016 at 6:30pm
Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)
1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015
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1. Call to Order

Time: 6:35 pm

Track #: 60

2. Roll Call

Erica Jung

Peter Sean

Jay Park

Roberto Kim (absent)

3. Welcome Message

4. Zoning Land Use & Planning Action items

**a. Discussion and possible Action, Eduardo Espinoza, project manager with Pacific Charter School
Development: Development of a third Charter School facility.**

Mike: It's a proposed Elementary School by Equitas. This will be their third school. It will be for kindergarten to 5th grade students. Once the building is built they will have more space. It is for 500 students; 100 students for each grade. The parking lot has been redesigned which will open up more ground for playground area. There is an area for play space around the perimeter of the building. The lot itself is zoned with 2 different zones. The parking lot is a 15,000 square lot with 26 spaces. We provide landscaping around the parking lot so it doesn't just show parking spaces. A red awning defines our main entrance.

Erica: There are 1-way exits right?

Mike: yes. People can come to the parking lot, park, and then exit the lot through the same entrance.

Peter: Your plan as it is is good

Mike: The school has a lot of experience with traffic management so they've designed this traffic management plan. We have a multi-purpose room that we use for lunch and activities. The review will be whether or not it will be compatible compared to the other surrounding buildings that are historic. They want a rectangular building with a flat roof and parking in the back.

Peter: I'm more concerned about the areas surrounding the school. I know it's some work but we'd like everyone around your place to not have any complaints. Some residential areas don't like to have a school or children around.

Principal: We distributed flyers and held an open meeting to bring up this concern. We didn't have anyone show up to show any concern towards the school.

Public: I'm assuming 500 students per day would create a lot of traffic in the area. People in the area don't know your school is coming. How are you going to build a school in a very dense area. You also have a school new school in a historical area with colors that simply don't match. There has to be about 200 signatures from residents in the area in order for them to approve it. This is valuable stuff you're bringing in but it's sticking out.

Mike: Both properties for the building and the school are C2 commercial. We'd have to change our zone for low-income housing.

Public: We don't want dead space in the area we want filled-space. Your survey of people of the pico union neighborhood is important but you have only called-out to your people in the area.

Mike: They don't want the building to mimic the current building but to incorporate some of those elements into the new building.

Peter: Can you please bring proof of your meeting with the city as well?

Mike: Yes.

Peter: We'd like to have another meeting and in the meantime we'll go look at the area and do our own research.

Peter motions to bring the item to another meeting in the future

Erica 2nds the motion

Motion is approved by unanimous vote

b. Discussion and possible Action, Matthew Vigil/Albert Sandoval with Vinculums Services to provide additional information about the proposed wireless facility for Verizon Wireless.

Matt: There was some concern from the neighborhood that there was not enough information being presented to you the first time around. We are back here today to make a brief presentation. We brought an expert in the field from Sacramento. There will be antennas that will be painted to blend in with the area.

Peter: What kind of emissions will this produce? We studied this subject and we'd like to know what type of power-density will be used?

Matt: The maximum power-density at any area will be about 50microWatts/s.

Peter: We're not here to disclude you but rather address safety concerns

Expert: This list represents 1/100th of a list of the overall concerns. The source of this list is not by experts or scientists. These are done by self-appointed individuals. Any expert in the field will agree that there is no health-risks at low-level RF Levels. This particular treatus did not come from the department of interior it came from the author. I'm not aware of any proposed rule-making by the FCC. The cell-phone standards that exist today were established since 1966. Since then there have been over 30 international panels. Are the standards correct? So each takes over 6 months to review the literature. They have all come back to say that the standards are adequate enough.

Peter: Do you have any literature to support that statement?

Expert: You bet, I'll send that literature with the citations.

Erica: These documents say there are radioactivity from the satellites

Matt: We'll service it once a month just to make sure everything is fine but typically they are self-sufficient.

Expert: I've written a report on the output and emissions at the top level

Peter: Would you please go around the neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles up to 1000ft radius as well as talk to the schools and get their opinion. We want to know if it's safe for the children. We'd like to see if the schools are okay with the school towers.

Matt: We already have many schools with cell towers in the schools themselves.

Erica: And you are aware that the area is all-residential. Can you just go to the school and talk to them.

Public: A bunch of public came in and talked really highly about this project. The project went to a zoning hearing with the city without neighborhood council approval. Also, 1000ft radius isn't enough and I believe you should bring more people in from the neighborhood to discuss the matter.

Matt: I can't guarantee everyone will be okay with the project but I'll definitely reach out to the school.

Public: 2 months ago there were people here who are against the project.

Peter: This is just the beginning

Jay: Next time please bring more detail regarding our concerns.

5. Public comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

6. Board Member comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

7. Meeting adjournment.

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The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Thereafter, a panel member shall prepare and submit a written report to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance, no later than two weeks after it has met with the person submitting the grievance. The Board of Governors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. 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