

Minutes
Planning, Zoning & Historical Preservation Committee
Wednesday February 11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was held on February 11, 2009, in the community room at 1965 Hillhurst Avenue pursuant to notice. Present from the committee were: Kenneth E. Owen, chair, Bruce Carroll, Joe Cisneros, Rosemary DeMonte, Richard Spicer, Richard Stanley, David Uebersax , and Tom Wilson. Donna Kolb, co-chair of the Zoning committee of the Los Feliz Improvement Association, was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meetings of the committee held December 10, 2008, and January 14, 2009, were approved as circulated.
2. The committee reviewed matters pending before it and assigned responsibilities. Mr. Uebersax and Mr. Spicer will undertake a statement of procedures to made available on the website to streamline presentations and public comment. Mr. Stanley will review the application for a proposed addition to the existing home at 3628 Cadman and provide the rest of the committee with his comments and recommendations before the next meeting. Mr. Uebersax will make inquiries regarding the status of the pending application for new condo construction at 1801-1817 New Hampshire and report back to the committee prior to the next meeting
3. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.
4. 1727 Vermont Avenue, Pattaya Thai Restaurant. The applicant, Warin Saetae, and her representative Patrick Panzarello, presented her application for a conditional use permit to allow the sale of a full line of alcohol as a result of the applicant's winning the lottery for new licenses. They represented that the restaurant had been in this location for about 10 years with a right to sell beer and wine pursuant to a procedure antedating the conditional use permit provisions of the zoning code and that there were no conditions imposed on the hours of service or anything other than limits imposed by the state under the alcoholic beverage control act. Ms. DeMonte reported on her investigation of the application and that she had sent a letter inviting stakeholders owning property within 500 feet of the site. No stakeholder unaffiliated with the applicant appeared. After discussion, the committee, by consensus, agreed to recommend to the board that it advise the Office of Zoning Administration that the neighborhood council does not oppose the requested conditional use permit provided the following conditions are included: (1) no alcoholic beverage be sold except as an incident of a meal, (2) there be no bar, (3) there be no "happy hour", (4) there be no window signs advertising alcoholic beverages, (5) the parking lot will have an attendant on duty to ensure that only persons patronizing businesses in the mall in which this restaurant is located use the parking lot during the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and (6) any outdoor seating will be only allowed if configured to comply with all applicable laws and ordinances.
5. 2856 Glendower Avenue. This matter was continued to the next meeting so that notice may be given to the applicant and affected stakeholders.
6. The resignation of Frank Masi from the committee was noted and Ms. De Monte will write him a letter of appreciation for his fine service, particularly the extensive work he did in preparing an inventory of the trees on Los Feliz Boulevard and the billboards in our area, which will hopefully be the basis for the identification and elimination of any illegal signs in our area.

The meeting was adjourned a 10:50 p.m.