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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Land-Use & Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

IMAN Center – 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (onsite parking available)

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.



1. WELCOMING REMARKS

- a. **Call to Order**

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a. **Roll Call**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Assembly's jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

4. DEVELOPER PRESENTATION

- a. **Motion to support a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment – 3852 Vinton Ave.**
 - i. Existing 35-unit apartment building seeks 26.4 square feet to add 1 unit

5. Westside Regional Association of Councils motions for approval:

- a. **Neighborhood Council Monitoring of City Services**
 - i. WRAC recommends that land use and planning-related recommendations shall be disclosed in all City determinations in a "standing" section of City Staff Reports and City Determinations called "Neighborhood Council Recommendations." Along with those recommendations, an explanation to be provided by the City decision maker if the NC recommendations are NOT followed.
- b. **Resolution:** City shall revise appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of DBS determinations shall be done via the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations with similar fees. DBS "appeals" shall not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements, because it is an appeal. An appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project. Justification: The current 2-step process is long, onerous and expensive for regular citizens. The first DBS administrative review takes 6 weeks and costs \$470. An appeal of that DBS determination requires public notification (\$20 for adjacent addresses from Assessor, \$165 for labels and sign postings) and a new case submittal (\$700). The total

fee for a regular citizen to appeal DBS permits comes to \$1,400. (Planning appeals cost \$200, which is \$1,200 less).

6. CALL FOR PROJECTS – Available Funds

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding suggested ideas for land-use, infrastructure, and other neighborhood improvement projects which could utilize available funds from various sources accessible to the Palms Neighborhood Council.
 - i. **Neighborhood Purpose Grants** are available to certified non-profit organizations or local schools. Find application and details online at www.palmsla.org
 - ii. **Beautification Fund** – All project ideas welcome for the purposes of neighborhood beautification. Bring ideas to committee meetings or submit them via email at neal@palmsla.org

7. Discussion of the creation of a document, listing the land-use demands and preferences of the Palms Neighborhood Council, to be available to all incoming developers, businesses, and residents.

- a. Solar Electricity Sourcing
- b. Parking Maximization
- c. Bicycle Storage
- d. Native Landscaping
- e. 25-foot setback on all neighborhood streets
- f. Dog waste bag dispensers

8. Approval of previous meeting minutes

9. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. *Note: Meeting end time is approximately 9:00pm or shortly thereafter*

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

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