

Meeting Minutes – Planning and Land-Use, Palms Neighborhood Council
Monday, January 25, 2016

Call to Order: 7pm

Quorum: Katherine Costa, Ethan Becker, Neal Anderberg (chair)

No public comment offered.

Presentation from new neighborhood business: MOD Pizza

8985 Venice Blvd. (@Culver Blvd.), Unit K

Represented by restaurant manager Antonia Palacios & consultant Margaret Taylor of Apex-LA

- Business already in operation
- Would like to serve beer/wine
- Already operating 96 other locations successfully
- Discussion of business hours, clientele, history of responsibility/accountability

Motion to approve their conditional-use permit for the sale of beer/wine for on-site consumption. (Anderberg, 2nd by Costa)

Approved unanimously.

Presentation from proposed neighborhood business: Le Pain Quotidien

Represented by Howard Robinson, of Howard Robinson & Associates

Original MOTION: Approve the Conditional Use Permit for sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in a RAS4 zone for Le Pain Quotidien at 9901 Washington Boulevard

Changed to:

Recommend approval of a variance to allow the sale of beer & wine for on-site consumption in a RAS4 zone for Le Pain Quotidien at 9901 Washington Blvd.

- Opening in Spring 2016
- Would like to serve beer/wine in a mixed-use building
- Palms NC already approved PizzaRev (neighboring business) for same variance in same building
- Discussion of business hours, menu, clientele

Motion to approve variance. (Anderberg, 2nd Costa)

Approved Unanimously.

Committee member Ethan Becker suggested the committee take a leading role in re-evaluating the unavailability of parking in the neighborhood.

He suggested we look at models like ExpressPark being used in other areas.

Comments generally agreed that such a system is good for commercial areas, but not necessarily for the residential needs of Palms residents. Agreed that there is a need for more parking or more strategic use of our surface street parking restrictions.

Approval of meeting minutes for November and December require attendance from other committee members. Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm