



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Library, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344

Approved January 16, 2019

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I. Call to order (Chair)

Chair Maria Fisk called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Changes in Committee Membership, Roll Call and Stakeholder Introduction:
(Chair)

Four of the five Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Maria Fisk (Chair), Brad Smith, Terri Weeks and Larry Yoder. Don Graham was absent. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is three (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Committee could take such votes. Also attended: four Stakeholders and Guests, including Bette Biers, Brian Finnegan and Jim Summers.

III. Minutes: November 28, 2018 Meeting

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Yoder): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee approves the Minutes of its November 28, 2018 Committee Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

There were no comments at this time.

V. New Business:

1. PLUM Committee 2019 Meeting Dates and Times

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Weeks): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee will continue meeting on third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Granada Hills Charter High School Library.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Fisk will forward the meeting schedule to the School.

2. Proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance: Case No.: CPC-2018-4660-CA, CF# 17-0981 In response to a request by the City Council, the Department of City Planning is proposing an ordinance to shorten processing times and lower costs for certain sit-down restaurants to be able to serve alcoholic beverages.
<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/Ordinance.pdf>
<https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/FAQ.pdf>
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/RestaurantBeverageProgram/HearingNotice_2.pdf
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0981>

Ms. Fisk summarized the above. ~~This~~ This is only sit-down restaurants; this does not include bars . . . it takes six months for a restaurant to obtain a Conditional Use Permit . . . the City proposes a streamlined approach . . . bars and nightclubs would be exempt . . . there would be neighborhood protections . . . employees will need safety training . . . Neighborhood Councils and neighborhoods will no longer be Noticed.+ Mr. Smith said ~~there~~ there should be community input . . . [and] review.+ Ms. Fisk added that the Ordinance ~~completely~~ completely negates . . . community input.+

MOTION (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Smith): While the restaurant and hospitality industry drives economic growth and is a source for local tax revenues within the City of Los Angeles, special consideration must be given to businesses that serve alcohol due to the increased crime and violence within the vicinity of these establishments. For decades, the Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permitting procedures included public hearings that allowed for the placement of conditions to mitigate those adverse impacts. The proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance offers a streamlined permitting system that completely bypasses public participation in the development of conditions that better address a number of specific neighborhood concerns, including but not limited to:

- " Types and levels of security
- " Signs and advertisement
- " Specific hours of operations
- " Level of crime, nuisances, proximity to sensitive uses, concentration of alcohol outlets, parking
- " Objective and measureable enforcement provisions
- " Requirements for CUB permit renewal

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee recommends to the Board to oppose the proposed Restaurant Beverage Program Ordinance, a one-size-fits-all legislative policy that fails to consider the unique and diverse characteristics of communities throughout this City. Therefore, the GHSNC Board strongly urges the following:

- “ Establishment of a Condition Compliance Unit that would manage and organize CUB permitting procedures; limit redundancy and duplication of work; reduce costly and timely delays; and forward complaint logs to enforcement agencies and track responses.
- “ Reinstatement of a discretionary CUB permitting policy that includes public hearings and early notification notices.
- “ Collaboration with the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control to implement an effective mechanism for licensure revocation.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. Proposed Processes and Procedure Ordinance: Case No.: CPC-2016-3182-CA, CF#12-0460 This ordinance has been developed as part of the Planning Department's larger comprehensive revision to the City of Los Angeles' Zoning Code, also known as re:code LA. The PPO comprehensively reorganizes the administrative provisions of the Zoning Code into a more user-friendly listing of the way the Department processes applications and requests.
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance/TechnicalMemo.pdf
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance/Staff_Report.pdf
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance/Ordinance.pdf
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance/Expanded_FAQ.pdf
https://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/Processes_and_Procedures_Ordinance/updated/QA.pdf

Ms. Fisk reported that the Ordinance and supporting documents are 1,300-1,400 pages. The City's Zoning Code is being rewritten. She described some Planning Department contentions and others' criticisms of the Ordinance reviewed in a November 28th Department report. There was discussion of the idea of having a Committee intern research this; it was agreed to Agendize and Mr. Smith will report on that. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VI. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

1. 2017 FUSE Corps Fellow Report /Street Related Infrastructure, CF#17-1311
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1311_rpt_CAO_11-21-17.pdf
 It was agreed to Agendize the above.
2. Granada Hills Charter High School, Devonshire Location
 It was agreed to Agendize the above regarding the proposed School expansion at Balboa and Devonshire.
3. SB-50 Planning and Zoning: Housing Development
http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB50
 Ms. Fisk reported that the above was Senate Bill 827 and would be a State preemption of local zoning Ordinances . . . it will negate height and parking requirements.+ It was agreed to Agendize this.

VII. Committee Member Comments

There were no comments or submissions at this time.

VIII. PLUM Committee Related Resources:

1. Planning 101: Project Planning with Jane Choi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEUHGnumOFQ&feature=youtu.be>
2. LA Dept. of Building and Safety Newsletter (quarterly)
<http://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/newsletters/2018/october-2018-newsletter.pdf?sfvrsn=4>
3. City of Los Angeles Planning Department Newsletter (quarterly)
https://planning.lacity.org/Newsletters/2018_Fall.pdf
4. Housing Progress Report
https://planning.lacity.org/documents/ExternalAffairs/HousingProgressRpt/Q3_2018/Q3.pdf
5. City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Annual Report 2017
<https://planning.lacity.org/AnnualReports/2017AnnualReport.pdf>
6. City of Los Angeles Planning Department General Plan Update
<https://ourla2040.org>
7. City of Los Angeles Planning Department Comprehensive Revision of the Zoning Code
<https://recode.la>

Ms. Fisk noted the above.

IX. Upcoming Events:

[The following items were only for information.]

1. PlanCheck NC: Education programs and forums are held on the second Saturday of each month. All interested stakeholders are invited to participate. 10AM -1PM; Hollenbeck Police Station, 2111 East 1st St, Los Angeles
<http://plancheckncla.com/>
2. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC): Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. 6:30-9:30PM; Sherman Oaks Hospital, 4929 Van Nuys Blvd, Doctor's conference room (validated parking).

Ms. Fisk noted the above.

X. Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Ms. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Weeks).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:10 p.m.

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