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Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting MINUTES for: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 pm

Councilmember Tom LaBonge's Field Office
10116, Ste. 200, Riverside Drive, Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening\Call to Order

Start Time: 6:40 P.M.

Attendance: G. Klow, Chair; S. Appleton; E. Weyenberg; M. Weaver, Recorder; B. Oberlin; R. Bogy

Absent: C. Harvey-Collins; R. Blight; D. Conner; R. Disney

Guests:

2. On-Going Business

2.1 GTLNC Boundary Changes

- M. Weaver inquired about the status of the redistricting of the GTLNC area to include the area south of Whipple, east of Cahuenga, west of Lankershim, and north of the LA River, and was informed that the Studio City Neighborhood Council has withdrawn its permission to do so.
- Ms. Weaver wanted to know what can be done at this point to make this happen.

2.2 10326 W. Woodbridge Conversion of a garage to a recreation room.

Pursuant to the vote of the GTLNC during the November meeting, a letter of support was written, signed by GTLNC's President Terry Davis, and delivered to the homeowner.

2.3 Community Design Overlay – Toluca Lake Village

- G. Klow will circulate his list of recommended members for a Community Advisory Committee to act as the link between the Committee and the City on this project.
- Such a committee will meeting monthly through June, 2009.
- Councilmember LaBonge will make final appointments.
- The Planning Committee, along with Consultant Jon Kaliski, will be the working group.

2.4 Universal Town Hall Meeting Update

- Because of NBC/Universal's non-responsiveness to the "Working Group" (i.e., Citizens for Smart Growth), the Working Group hired consultants to create an alternate plan, which must be considered by the City. This plan was submitted to the City by the stated deadline. R. Bogy presented this plan to the Planning Committee.
- The Working Group's primary concerns were that the Universal plan does not serve the community. It is not a "21st Century" project (e.g., not a "green" project) and does not respond to the mandate to clean the river and create a contiguous river front.
- The alternate plan gives NBC/Universal everything they want except for 600 condominium units.

Key features include the following:

- Buildings with a lower maximum height (13 stories)
- The "Universal River Walk"
- Joining South and North Weddington Parks together via a pedestrian bridge
- A dam that is capable of lowering and raising the level of water in the LA River so that it becomes a "recreational" river which always has water in it
- Removal of the Technicolor building
- More visibility of Campo de Cahuenga
- Spanish architecture consistent with Campo de Cahuenga
- High-end retail space
- 800 more parking spaces than Universal's Plan

M/S/P – Recommend a motion by the GTLNC to support the Metro Universal River Walk Vision Plan as a preferable alternate to the Metro Universal and Universal City Development Plan.