

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Thursday, September 5, 2013

Location: 5030 Santa Monica Blvd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:15 PM.
Safety Committee members in attendance:

Craig Cox, Cheron McAleece
Seta Panosian
Doug Haines
Eric Moore
Leon Jost

LAPD Officers present: Officers Loyd Chang, Mark Allen, NE.

Public attending include: Raffi Kassarsian, Rachel Finfer of Elizabeth Peterson Group, Angelo Martirosyan, Sun Yu of HSDNC, Don Durkee of HSDNC. CD 13 rep Aram Taslagyan.

2. **Police Update:** Arrest of transient at 1269 N. Vermont; robbery at Alexandria and Sunset, suspect arrested; La Mirada Locos gang joining with black gangs. Increase in primary property crimes, narcotics driven. Grand theft auto primarily late model Toyotas and Hondas, easy to start with worn key. NE Division will sell you an auto club for \$12. Prostitution task force on Vermont had two arrests; checking massage parlors. Says ones on west side are legit; Doug says to get a rub at Blue Moon Thai parlor at 5101 Santa Monica Blvd.

Sun Yu asks about proliferation of marijuana outlets on Western Ave. – Officers state that DEA is enforcing laws. Doug comments that DEA is no longer shutting down dispensaries, as U.S. Attorney will not prosecute. Says no enforcement in East Hollywood, Measure D not being implemented.

- 2a. **CD 13 update:** CD 13 rep Aram Taslagyan cites new ordinance enacted by City Council for murals, CD-13 requests additional language to require all murals be coated to shed graffiti. Discussed transient issue at Melrose Ave. Freeway underpass with office of Assemblyman Mike Gatto. LAPD will not enter property, as unsafe. Trash bins coming to East Hollywood – similar to bins near City Hall. Doug asks who will empty them and how often.

3. **Public Comment:** Raffi asks status of moving bus stop on Santa Monica Blvd. in front of his shop at Normandie Ave. Aram says trying to get a letter from new principal at Ramona Elementary School supporting move. Seta says she is trying to set up a meeting with Mitch O'Farrell, asks Aram to facilitate it. Aram says Mitch is available for meetings on Thursdays.

Sun Yu and Don Durkee of the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council raise issues concerning the proposed Step Up on Western residential facility for chronically mentally ill and medically non-compliant homeless, to be located at 1011 N. Western Ave. Craig states that he has been told that the facility would consist of 95 double-occupancy units. Doug raises issue of PATH facility on Fernwood Ave., stating that conditions for approval by City have not been followed, and expects the same at any other facilities.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Leon moves, Cheron seconds. Unanimous.

5. **Action Items:**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding working with Councilman O'Farrell's office for monthly clean-ups of troublesome neighborhoods and/or streets, the "Adopt-a-Trash-Can" plan for businesses along the major EH corridors and possible participation by local schools as interns to assist in organizing the clean-ups and to get neighborhood youth involved in their community and local government. We will discuss the actual mechanics of such an endeavor.

Suggestion of a clean-up every Monday by volunteers from Against the Stream, and Immigrants Charitable Foundation. No one from these groups in attendance.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by applicant Antico Los Angeles – Hollywood LLC for a Conditional Use Beverage permit to allow the sale and dispensing for on-site consumption of beer and wine at a proposed "Desano Pizza Bakery" at 4969 Santa Monica Blvd., at the intersection of Alexandria Ave. Hours of requested operation are 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM Sunday to Thursday, and 11:30 – 1:00 AM Friday and Saturday. The proposed operation is a 6,822 sq. ft. restaurant with 149 seats and 10 parking spaces [Case No. ZA 2013-1911. Rachel of the Elizabeth Peterson Group introduces the proposed venue, says alcohol will be single beer bottles, no pitches. Parking valet will be "optional," charge of \$3 - \$5. Says Nashville location generates on 5% of revenue from alcohol sales. Menu will be fancy pizza, more gourmet style. Says will "probably" won't be open on Sundays.

Doug compares proposed parking arrangement of 10 free spaces and valet charge for remainder with 48 free parking offered by smaller Shakey's pizza on Sunset Blvd. Says patrons will not know that free parking is available, since valet parking will be at entrance to restaurant while free parking is located in back, at employee entrance. Cheron says disingenuous to say some parking spots will be free when valets are at front. Request for parking attendant, not valet, be on site. Rachel says too expensive; Doug points out that all other CUB applicants provide attendant, free parking. Rachel says parking lot will not be striped, says would cost \$50,000 for 50 spaces. Doug says that figure is ridiculous, should cost far less than \$100 to stripe a parking space. Doug asks when "last call" will be; Rachel says doesn't know. Doug asks if alcohol can be limited to being in conjunction with food sales; Rachel will ask applicant. Craig says wants to see alcohol sales end at midnight on weekends.

Leon states that if only 5% of revenue is from alcohol, then how important is it to offer beer and wine. Doug says East Hollywood restaurant will have much higher alcohol sales. Leon says neighbors will have to deal with problems, not applicant.

Doug points out that location is across from Immaculate Heart of Mary K-8 School, and one block east of Ramona Elementary School. Says dangerous to lunchtime alcohol sales, over 1,000 school kids and parents walking in area from 1:30 to 3:00 M-F. Says jog in Alexandria, and traffic light that serves only southern portion of Alexandria, create dangerous situations. Asks for a "No Right Turn" sign for patrons exiting parking lot on Alexandria.

Craig requests trained, uniformed security guard on site at all times. Rachel says applicant met with Eric Garcetti, who supports application.

Doug proposes conditioned support as follows:

- No charge for parking, and have a parking attendant on site;
- Parking lot is to be striped;
- A minimum of one, licensed, trained, uniformed, profession security guard will be on site at all times of operation;
- Alcohol sales will only be in conjunction with a food order;
- Five year review, with Plan Check within 2 years, with a public hearing;
- Amend NC guidelines for hours of alcohol sales on M-F to start at 5PM, not 4PM.

Cheron moves to approve; Seta seconds. Unanimous.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by the Carousel Restaurant at 5112 Hollywood Blvd. for a Conditional Use Beverage permit to allow the sale and dispensing for on-site consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages (ABC Type 47 license), with hours of operation from 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM Sunday to Thursday, and 11:30 AM – 1:00 AM Friday and Saturday [Case No. ZA 2013-1818]. The subject business is a 100-seat, 2,511 sq. ft. existing restaurant in an 18-store strip mall with 31 total parking spaces shared by all businesses. Two other restaurants occupy the strip mall: Boiling Shrimp Restaurant (Beer and Wine license), and Dara Thai Restaurant, with 38 seats (full line of alcohol). Applicant not present. Tabled.

D. Discussion and Update regarding Serrano Convalescent Home at 5400 Fountain Ave. regarding homeless individual being permitted to sleep at night on its property, and neighbor complaints of resultant trash and break ins. Doug explains NC correspondence with California Dept. of Public Health, matter referred to LA County Dept. of Public Health. Doug says inspector visited site during daytime hours, not nighttime hours, that he sent County photos of the homeless person and discussed problem by telephone with health dept. staff. Says staff at Convalescent home lied to County, didn't contact police as promised. Doug says had Craig deal with issue, force transient out. Doug rants over why everything is so difficult to get addressed in LA, took over a year.

6. **Old Business** Health committee in disarray.
7. **New Business/ agenda items for future committee meetings.**
8. **ADJOURNMENT: 9:30.**