



# **HOLLYWOOD STUDIO DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

## **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**

*Doug Haines, Chair • Brian Curran • Charlie Fisher • Frankie Holt  
Rosalinda Sierra • Samir Srivastava*

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting – Please see instructions below**

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#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Welcome and introductions.** Meeting begins at 6:30. Attendees are: Doug Haines, Charlie Fisher, Frankie Holt, Rosalinda Sierra, Samir Srivastava, Brian Curran (in at 6:40).
- 2. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda.** Ayndrea Wilson, Executive Director of Artist Space. Ms. Wilson raises the issue of the 1% art fee, applicable to the existing Sunset/Gower project. All developers have to pay the fee on commercial developments. The fee either can be satisfied at Plan Check, or the developer can place public art on site. Funds can also be targeted for a particular project within the NC boundaries. She seeks input from the NC as to how the fee should be spent. Rosalinda asks what type of art and the amount of funding: Ms. Wilson says has to be art. Samir asks who decides how fee is spent. Ms. Wilson says HSDNC can identify where the money is spent instead of it going into a trust controlled by the Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s).** Brian moves to approve the minutes, Rosalinda seconds. Charlie Fisher abstains. Minutes approved.
4. **Discussion and possible action:**
  - a. **Potential amendments to committee guidelines.** Committee agrees with changes going to Board.
  - b. **Comments on Re-Code LA.** Continued.
  - c. **Hollywood Community Plan Update: Recommendations for further changes to the proposed Update.** Discussion by committee members of incorporating inclusionary housing and affordable housing in-lieu fees into the HCPU. Assigned to Samir and Doug to come back to committee and Board with definitive proposals. Brian says preservation zones need to be identified beyond what is already acknowledged. Doug suggests that Hollywood Heritage approach Board with letter to support.

5. **Projects**

A) **Update and possible recommendation regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow 1) the use of a commercial parking lot in the [Q]R4-1VL Residential Zone; 2) an 8-foot-tall iron fence in the required front yard; and 3) a zoning administrator's determination that the lot's front yard is the side yard of the adjacent commercial lot. The site is located at 6055 Carlton Way. The parking lot is currently utilized by a 3,700 sq. ft. adjacent commercial office building located at 1622 N. Gower St. Case Nos.: ZA-2018-1053-CU; ENV-2018-1054-CE. Applicants Joseph and Shirley Spalla seek a CUP under LAMC Section 12.24.W.37 to legalize a 12-stall commercial parking lot in the residential zone, and approval under LAMC Section 12.24.X.7.A to allow an existing 8-foot-tall iron fence in the front yard. The parking area is 4,000 sq. ft. The applicant proposes to landscape the lot with three trees. NOTE: This matter originally was heard at the PLUM Committee's January 10, 2019 meeting. A zoning administrator's hearing was conducted on June 6, 2019. Board action was not taken due to the failure of the applicant to appear and present the required landscaping plan.**

Representative: Maralee Spalla Elliot. Rick Spalla – says company there since 1967. States that he was told by ZA Jack Chaing to resubmit landscape plan. Says ZA said would not have to go back to NC. Says new planner told him to go back to NC. Says needs a letter from NC regarding recommendation. Doug asks how LAMC Section 12.X.7 is applicable, how a CUP therefore is warranted rather than a variance, and how the hand watering would maintain the landscaping. Rick says can put in drip system on parkway, which is what they have inside gated area. Says clean-ups are on Mondays and Fridays.

Doug says that a Fig Vine on the west side gate would help. Charlie Fisher says that Bougainvillea has too many thorns. Samir says that he would recommend separating comments on entitlements from fence and landscaping issues.

Motion by Doug, seconded by Samir on issue of landscaping plan only, not entitlement request, approved 5 to 0 with one abstention (Rosalinda):

- 1). Fig vines are to be planted on the west side of existing iron fence via sidewalk cut outs;
- 2). Bougainvillea or fig vine are to be grown on/between the pillars of the east side of fence;
- 3). Parkway landscaping must have an automatic irrigation system, not hand watering as proposed;
- 4). The color of the existing black, iron fence to be painted a lighter shade to lessen its overbearing appearance;
- 5). Daily maintenance of the parkway is required (i.e. trash pick up and gardening).

5. **New Business:** Doug asks committee what projects should be reviewed. Rosalinda mentions Planning 101 training requirement. **Old Business:** None.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** 8:02 PM.

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