



Venice Neighborhood Council

LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
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Meeting of the Land Use and Planning Committee

DATE: Thursday July 8 , 2021 TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00 pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY TO JOIN THE MEETING PLEASE USE THIS LINK

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Name	Present	Name	Present
Alix Gucovsky, Chair	x	Matthew Royce	X out at 845
Barry Cassily	X out 845	Chris Zonnas	x
Tim Bonefeld		Shep Stern	x
Daffodil Tyminski		Michael Jensen	x
		Carlos Zubieta	

3. Approval of Minutes

see draft minutes for February 25, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 20, 2021 June 10, 2021

at: <http://venicenc.org/land-use-committee.php>

Shep motion to approve the minutes, Michael seconds, Alix, Matt, Chris, Barry 6-0-0

4. Approval of Agenda

Michael motion to approve the agenda, Alix seconds, barry abstains, matt, chris, shep yes

Agenda approved 5-1-0

5. LUPC members to declare any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda

6. Chair's Report

7. General Public Comment on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning - 15 minutes

8. CASES FOR REVIEW

9. WRAC MOTIONS

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A.

Case: Council File CF-12-0460-S4 (Processes and Procedures Amendment)
City Hearing: The City Council will consider the council file on 6/22/21; If the matter passes
The City Attorney must draft a proposed Ordinance which will return to
Council for a vote/further consideration/

Passage Deadline: September 2021

Motion Proposed: Stacy Shure/WRAC LUPC on June 21, 2021

Motion Passed by:

Brentwood Community Council (Modified)

Mar Vista Community Council (Modified)

Westside Neighborhood Council

Refers to

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460-S4>

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 (The process and procedures amendment to the City Charter) for a minimum of 6 months in order to enable further community presentations and feedback. The document in this file, including technical amendments and attachments are over 900 pages. To date there have been approximately 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each for the Department of Planning to summarize this extensive document and receive limited feedback. Further technical amendments were made prior to the PLUM committee's June 1 consideration which incorporated more than just technical changes that need review and feedback. The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Process and Procedures Amendment section to ensure that it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils. The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures. Further we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain Cumis Counsel (independent counsel) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final decision regarding land use matters remain with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter. There are numerous instances where authority appears to be vested in the Director of Planning, an unelected official which may be in violation of the City Charter.

Public Comment & possible action/motion

Michael motion/Barry seconds

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the process and procedures motion as applied to by right housing that complies with Los Angeles Municipal Code and the Venice Specific Plan.

Matt, Michael, Barry, yes, Alix Shep no, and Chris Abstains

3-1-2

B.

Case: Oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process

Motion Proposed: Barbara Broide/WRAC LUPC on June 21, 2021

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Passage Deadline: September 2021

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council opposed the City's use of Specific Plans that would result in Upzoning open space and/or low density residential neighborhoods. The use of specific plans in This manner creates significant negative impacts for all residential communities, the environment, And natural resources. We urge our City Councilmembers to reject land use applications for Individual development projects that represent a misuse of the Specific Plan process. We ask that The City Council inform Planning not to process these types of requests.

Public Comment & Possible Action: **Lost quorum no vote taken**

C.

Case: Request for Clarification Regarding Cloud/Ghost Kitchens

Proposed by: Barbara Broide WRAC/LUPC on May 17, 2021

Passage deadline: August 2021

Passed by:

Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

Motion

WHEREAS businesses referred to as "Cloud Kitchens" or "Ghost Kitchens" represent a fairly new form of commerce and land use concept, and,

WHEREAS this new business model has the potential to create significant impact on neighboring businesses and residential communities, and

WHEREAS the absence of clear classifications for cloud/ghost kitchens can result in some being treated as commercial and/or retail uses, while others may be grouped as light manufacturing, and WHEREAS none of these classifications accurately capture the true nature of these operations and,

WHEREAS cloud/ghost kitchens are being established in many areas across the City of Los Angeles

Therefore, be it moved that the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) requests that the City, represented by our council district, PLUM, the City Council in coordination with the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety

-define what constitutes a cloud/ghost kitchen, including possible different categories of such operations based upon numbers of kitchens and/or square footage involved,

-identify criteria for the evaluation of their applications for buildout and permitting, including a process to evaluate potential impacts on their surroundings (noise, odor, traffic and requirements pertaining to factors

-assess needed infrastructure (adequacy of electric service to area, parking and/or loading zones WRAC believes that providing this needed clarification will remove uncertainties and contribute to the establishment of successful enterprises by creating the structure needed to guide the city's review and decision making process.

Public Comment & Possible Action: **Lost quorum no vote taken**

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