

PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
SOUTHWEST AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Plum Meeting Notes from 04/01/2017

ROLL:

Ms. Cotton
Mr. Watson
Ms. M. Parker
Ms. B. Parker
Pastor Parker
Lois Nelson
Brent Page

MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION ON THE AGENDA:

There was a presentation made by the City Planner-Ruben Caldwell and the Assistant City Planner-Jessica Alvarado for South LA. The presentation dealt with R1R3 vs. CPIO with regarding the future building requirements for those who want to increase the size of their home.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT PLUM MEETING 05/06/2017:

Create Impact Statements addressing the major problems and issues affecting the Community, and major concerns of Constituent's. Need for a strategy and meeting with Dept. of Street Services to create a dialogue to address constituents concerns to facilitate improvements.

Establish a dialogue with Council Members Marquees Harris-Dawson's Office to develop an education campaign to inform constituents of issues that affect the Community and District.

Establish priorities to get LAX and the FAA to follow proper guidelines of air space, and provide sound proofing to address Aircraft Issues that are creating noise, vibrations, air pollution, and environmental problems. Constituents must be involved to facilitate the need for intervention by our Federal Representatives.

Get a monthly update as to how the Ralph's Market improvement project is progressing. Need for regular updates from "Work Source" to notify constituents of job training and job opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am as a result of a Tax Presentation provided by the Councilman MHD and City Controller, Ron Galperin.

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Plum Meeting Notes from 03/04/2017

MAIN TOPIC'S OF DISCUSSION: Public Works, LAX-FAA Airport Sound Proofing Program, Progress of Ralph's Market Renovations and Remodeling, impact statement – Overconcentration Charter Schools.

Create Impact Statements addressing the major problems and issues affecting the Community, and major concerns of Constituent's.

Clarification of Public Works concerns and issues in the Community: Need for Consistent and Regular Street Cleaning of our Major Corridors. Tree trimming, Sidewalk Repair, Pot Holes on our street being improperly fixed and repaired. Impact Statement needed to address these issues.

Complaints of street sweeper leaving more debris than they pick up. Plan to engage Dept. of Public works to increase constituent's satisfaction.

Need for a strategy and meeting with Dept. of Street Services to create a dialogue to address constituents concerns to facilitate improvements.

Establish a dialogue with Council Members Marquees Harris-Dawson's Office to develop an education campaign to inform constituents of issues that affect the Community and District.

Engage Council Member Marquees Harris-Dawson's staff for listening tour to hear community issues, and provide more accessibility to Council Member to address community problems.

Need to create a dialogue and meetings with our Federal Representatives Maxine Waters and Karen Bass to inform them how LAX is impacting the community. We need their help to address FAA and LAX Airport problems in order to get Federal Money for improvements.

Establish priorities to get LAX and the FAA to follow proper guidelines of air space, and provide sound proofing to address Aircraft Issues that are creating noise, vibrations, air pollution, and environmental problems. Constituents must be involved to facilitate the need for intervention by our Federal Representatives. A maintenance program is needed for those who already have the sound proofing.

Infrastructure money and improvements needed to address traffic and air pollution, and other community problems that will arise from Inglewood Stadium Project. Get a monthly update as to how the Ralph's Market improvement project is progressing. Need for regular updates from "Work Source" to notify constituents of job training and job opportunities.

Recommendation to get regular updates from Council Member Marquees Harris-Dawson's Representative who is in charge of Planning and Land Use. Have him provide Neighborhood Empowerment Council and Neighborhood Council's Planning and Land Use Committee of Projects, Development, and Land Use issues that are being planned for the Eighth District, including issue of Homeless Designated Parking and Designated Street Vending Districts.

The need for an impact statement in regards to the over-concentration of Charter Schools along the Western Avenue Corridor. Impacts: Stress on infrastructure, traffic congestion, etc. The meeting was adjourned By Chairman Michael Guynn at 10:30 AM.

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Plum Meeting Notes from 02/11/2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Plum Chair Mike Guynn, Vice Chair Lois Nelson was in attendance with 11 other attendees.

Items on Agenda:

1.

LAX FAA issues affecting community in regards to Aircraft noise, vibrations, change of direction of Landing and takeoffs, update by Margaret Peters expected after next FAA meeting.

2.

Street Vending Destinations: Group discussed outcome of "Street Vendors Survey", which revealed constituents had many concerns about their neighborhoods being designated as a Street Vendors Districts.

Constituents concerned over regulation and enforcement. Also the lack of town hall meeting, outreach and education to as to how the program would work and be implemented. Majority of constituents felt street vending would add to the blight

neglected conditions that already exist along our major corridors. The majority of constituents surveyed said they did not want it in their district and wanted their district out of the Street Vendors Destination Program. An Impact Statement was submitted to that effect.

3.

Street Sweeping of Major Corridors: Currently there is no street sweeping of our major corridors from Century pass Slauson Avenue. Plum Secretary Sharon Watson has been working on this issue for quite some time with the Department of Bureau of Street Services and City Council, and Neighborhood Empowerment Council and is awaiting a update to when it will be implemented and frequency of service.

4.

Community has questions and concerns in regards to the "PACE Program" which is Property Assessed Clean Energy which secures funding for the installation of energy projects that are permanently fixed to homeowners property. Homeowners then repay financing annually through an assessment on their property tax bill. Projects could include air conditioning, cool roofs, insulation, solar panels, irrigation systems, to name a few.

5.

Vice Chair Lois Nelson discussed the regeneration of Block Clubs in the community; and how to organize them, so Constituents can come together and be more aware of community issues and concerns.

6.

Literature on Propositions "S" was passed out to those in attendance at PLUM meeting.

7.

The over proliferation of Charter Schools were discussed, and the need for an impact statement to that effect to deal with the traffic congestion, air quality issues and stress on the infrastructure and other challenges that it brings.

8.

Homeless parking destinations and how it would affect land use, residential communities, and major corridors.

Meeting adjourned by PLUM Chair, Michael A. Guynn at 10:30 AM

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Plum Meeting Notes from 01/21/2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Michael Guynn, Organizational Rep. and PLUM Committee Chair.

Agenda and Discussions: Community Events and lack of Western Corridor Street Sweeping

1. Empowerment Congress 25th Anniversary Summit:

PLUM Committee discussed the workshops that were available to the public at the summit, including the Criminal Justice Reform and Community Engagement Summit and their efforts to improve outcomes for vulnerable and marginalized populations.

2. The South Los Angeles Community Plan

The deadline is approaching for South Los Angeles Stakeholders to comment in regards to the South Los Angeles Community Plan. The deadline is February 01, 2017. The Plan shapes land use policy, which include design standards, regulate permitted land uses, height, bulk, and overall design of buildings. In regards to the South LA plan the PLUM committee discussed the over concentration of Liquor Stores, Motels, Pay Day Loan Locations, Fast Food Restaurants, and the over proliferation of Charter Schools. The Plum committee discussed the lack of Full Service Supermarkets, Pharmacies, Sit Down Restaurants, and Business Improvement Districts.

3. Land Use for Street Vending Districts: Council File 13-1493

The PLUM Committee discussed rather or not South Los Angeles be designated as a Street Vendors District. They raised concerns that there are no provisions for operating, regulating or enforcing land use for street vending in the South Los Angeles Community Plan.

After through discussion of the Pro's and Con's of Street Vending Districts the Committee agreed that there were too many variables and loopholes in regards to Public Safety, Efficient Permitting, Regulation, and Effective Enforcement. There has been no community outreach, and engagement in the Eight District. There has not been an opportunity for community and constituent input, for addressing concerns. The Plum Committee position is to "opt out" with a no vote. The PLUM Committee's Position is a "No Vote" with the following recommendations.

1. There must be a Comprehensive Outreach and Education Campaign in South LA.
2. Community Concerns, and Recommendations, must be recognized, acknowledged, addressed, resolved, and incorporated, into the Vending District Plans.

PLUM Committee Members recommend that the Southwest Neighbor Council approve the recommendations of the PLUM Committee and prepare an Impact Statement with a No Vote.

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Plum Meeting Notes from 12/06/2016

Attendee(s):

Michael A. Guynn, Chair
Lois Nelson, Vice Chair, ECSWANC

Old Business

Item#1

We discussed the possible revision of the letter written to Ralph's several months ago by Ms. Cotton. The letter was sent to our Board Chair for review as well. No other movement has taken place.

Item#2

There was discussion regarding the PLUM Committee in drafting a letter to Councilman MHD regarding the open lot's that sit across the street from the constituent center near 84th and 85th Streets and Vermont Avenue. This was initially suggested by Ms. Cotton at the November/2016 PLUM Meeting. The letter is pending until the next meeting.

Item#3

During the time of the last PLUM meeting in November/2016 Mrs. Cotton talked about "inclusionary zoning" which was on the Nov 8, 2016 Ballot under Measure JJJ which passed with a Majority Yes Vote. JJJ ask for local hiring for construction and development of housing, and for inclusion of low income housing in developer's housing projects of 10 units are more. In return the city would give the Developers Density bonuses, permission to go up to 20 percent over the density allowed in a particular district, or zone.

Item#4

During the time of the last meeting the PLUM discussed a Moratorium being placed on CHARTER SCHOOLS. The group ask that an "impact statement" be submitted limiting the over proliferation of Charter Schools in a 2-3 mile radius. The lack of oversight, lack of accountability and the traffic, noise, pollution, and gang activity that sometimes follows Charter Schools are divestating communities.

The overcrowding in Charter Schools, lack of delegated space for recreation, and lunch space is inhumane treatment to the children who attend the schools. The teachers are not paid scale, and are encouraged to go back to the Unified School District 5 years before they retire so the Charter Schools do not have to pay retirement annuities. They are bankrupting the Unified School District.

Item#5

During the time of the last meeting Mrs. Sharon Watson discussed the "Use of Public Streets for Habitation Law" that just passed in the City Council. A Community impact statement was submitted on the behalf of the Manhattan Homeowners Association Block Club and West Park Terrace Block Club for the Oct 25, 2016 public hearing and vote.

A law that prevented habitation (living in vehicles on Public Streets 82.05 of Municipal Code) on public streets was (repelled) overturned and struck down by the Circuit Courts the beginning of the year 2016.

The City Attorney Mike Feuer sent forth a directive to the City Council March 2016 informing them that it was now lawful to habitat on public streets in Cars, Vans, and Mobil Homes. (Ordinance 82.05 of the Municipal Code was repelled)

In June Of 2016 the City Council put forth a motion to ADMEND THE LAW that said it was now lawful to habitat on City Streets. In September, and October of 2016 more motions were added to the amendment including:

1. You Cannot habitat in your vehicle on a BLOCK that contains a School or Park (first motion was within 500 feet of a school or park)
2. You Can habitat (live) in your vehicle on designated lots, at Churches, and non-profit organizations that are part of a Homeless Parking Program.
3. With a Designated Placard that you pay approximately \$25.00 for you can park in restricted areas that would not usually be allowed under the law.
4. All restrictions that already are in place on certain streets would not be by-passed or circumvented.

There were several other motions and recommendations a City Council Vote took place October 25, 2016 and the new motions passed Yes 10 No 1.

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and rubbish that clog the run off drains and basins and cause flooding, accidents, traffic, health problems and safety issues.

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New Business

Item#1

A discussion was held and a suggestion made that the PLUM Committee generate a plan of action in order to address any issues or concerns that result in the current form of the South Los Angeles Plan of the City of Los Angeles.

Item#2

Lois provided the PLUM Committee with a contact who is connected with the Budget Advocates-

Item#3

Lois suggested that the PLUM Committee should always' keep the Board up to date regarding some of the actions that are needed by the PLUM Committee.

Humbly Submitted on 01/14/2017 by

M. Anthony Guynn, MA
PLUM Chair

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Attendee(s):

Michael A. Guynn, Chair
Sylvia Cotton, Vice Chair
Dorothy Napoleon
Emma Calmes-Chambers
Edward K. Watson
Sharon Watson

Item#1

We discussed the process for approval regarding the draft letter written to Ralph's several months ago by Ms. Cotton. Ms. Cotton reminded us of the protocol and re-directed the chair to re-send to Brent for consideration and signature as well as ultimately for an executive board vote.

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Ms. Cotton also solicited the assistance of the PLUM Committee in drafting a letter to Councilman MHD regarding the open lot's that sit across the street from the constituent center near 84th and 85th Streets and Vermont Avenue.

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A letter was given to Mr. Guynn with route numbers and reasons for that request.

Humbly Submitted on 11/21/2016 by

M. Anthony Guynn, MA
PLUM Chair