

PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
SOUTHWEST AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Plum Meeting Notes from 11/05/2016

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.

Item#2

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.

Item#3

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

The Planning and Land Use Committee 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

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.

Item#6

The Planning and Land Use Committee also discussed the need for "Street Sweeping" of the Western Avenue Corridor 108th Street to Manchester Ave. The corridor is currently neglected, has blight, unsafe, and unhealthy conditions. It is very dirty with debris, trash, and rubbish that clog the run off drains and basins and cause flooding, accidents, traffic, health problems and safety issues.

The Planning and Land Use Committee ask that an "Impact Statement" be submitted on behalf of the Land Use Committee, and Neighborhood Empowerment Council to the Department of Street Services DSS, Department of Transportation LADOT, and City Council Member Marquees Harris-Dawson, asking that the Western Avenue Corridor from "108th Street to Manchester Avenue" be added to the existing Street Sweeping Routes.

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