

PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE  
EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
SOUTHWEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

*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 85<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 PLUM Committee, and the ECSWANC 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. The impact statement is pending at this time.

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

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PLUM Chair