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Transportation, Parking, and Streetscape Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday December 15, 2009

**543 North Fairfax Avenue, Room 101
Los Angeles CA 90036**

1. Call to Order AT 7:05 PM
2. Roll Call.
 - a. Present: Jacobberger, Darner, Darrin, Diamante-Vera, Singer
 - b. Absent: Eisenhauer, Feldman, Barba
3. Minutes of Oct 20, 2009 Meeting: Approved by unanimous consent.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Discussion: Future Presentation of Third Street Pilot Community Valet Parking Program
 - a. The committee noted that the Third Street Pilot Community Valet Parking Program, on which the Council advised, has now been put into effect as of Nov 28th, 2009. Jeff Jacobberger suggested that it be presented to the Council at large, rather than just a committee so that all might gain an understanding of its benefits and opportunity to alleviate parking problems along Third Street from LaCienega to Fairfax.
 - b. The committee agreed that Jeff should coordinate a presentation of the plan by consultant Mott Smith at January's Board meeting.
6. Discussion: Site Access at Town and Country Center
 - a. Discussion focused on issues of access at the Town and Country Center at the southeast corner of Third and Fairfax. It was noted that multiple access points to Third and Fairfax, without signals, create crossover traffic blockages for both in-bound and out-bound traffic at the site. This exacerbates congestion already caused by the increase of traffic at the Grove/Farmer's Market, and Ross sites.
 - b. It was noted that the owner of the center has previously been approached about these problems, to no avail. It was also noted that an opportunity may have been lost to address these concerns when the Whole Foods modifications were granted clearance.
 - c. In terms of remedy, the committee noted that a comprehensive approach needs to be taken that involves all the commercial efforts east of this intersection, north and south. With the Casden project now in planning review, there may be an opportunity to focus attention on the issue.
 - d. The committee determined that it should work in conjunction with LUC to highlight concerns whenever projects in the immediate area present themselves. It was also suggested that a letter be drafted to DOT expressing concern about conditions. Focus in either case should be:
 - i. On the number, location, and width of existing access points to the site. (There appear to be too many points which may exist as carryovers from different commercial conditions at the site.)
 - ii. Potential better organizational use of access to the site via Ogden and Colgate
 - iii. Potential for dedication or restriction of the number of in/out opportunities in conjunction with signalization
 - iv. Potential for solid white lane lines in traffic on Fairfax
 - e. The committee will out-reach to LUC as a point of information on this matter.
7. Discussion re: transportation, parking and streetscape improvement "wish list".
 - a. Discussion continued regarding the development of a focused list of issues for improvement that could be presented as guidelines to the public and developers as possible

mitigation measures for both residential and commercial projects. In addition to topics discussed in October, the committee reviewed:

- Street Tree planting
- Provision of public trash cans
- Bike Parking criteria for both small and large commercial and residential projects
- Recommendations for environmentally friendly solutions to projects which contain large blank surface area walls (such as green wall)
- Billboard limitations and conditions
- Potential for contributions to established funds for streetscape improvements, etc.
- Potential for contributions to graffiti abatement
- Potential for installation of security cameras
- Potential for construction of pedestrian and/or bike street infrastructure improvements
- Way-finding maps for public amenity kiosks
- Landscaping of medians
- Funding for more parking studies like Third Street
- Pocket Park support or provision
- Neighborhood traffic mitigation
- Workforce and/or affordable housing
- Other

b. The committee will prepare a comprehensive list based on the suggestions from the last two meetings and again reach out to LUC for discussion and review. From these discussions, a final list will be prepared for review with the Board at large.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Fairfax Dash elimination prevention
- b. Move LA- effort to support faster implementation of subway
- c. Melrose street tree program (or lack thereof)
- d. Wilshire Bus lane
- e. Other

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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