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Transportation, Parking, and Streetscape Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, September 22, 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, Feldman
 - b. Absent: Barba, Eisenhauer, Singer
3. Minutes of August 6, 2009 Meeting: Amended to note that Diana Darrin was present, and has been present at all meetings but one since joining the committee. The minutes were then approved by unanimous consent.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Transportation Committee Meeting Date
 - a. The committee reviewed possible meeting dates for regular meetings and established that the third Tuesday of each month, at 7PM, would be the new regular date.
6. Referred Committee Motion: Senior Transportation Issue
 - a. Discussion re previous committee motion to request review of door-to-door van service and potentially use some or all of cost savings from reductions or elimination of the program to increase quarterly vouchers that can be used for taxicabs or dial-a-ride service. This motion was presented to the board in August and referred back to committee for further consideration.
 - b. Committee discussion focused on concerns that, while some stakeholders feel eliminating the van program could enhance the voucher program, the fact is that many seniors are served through the variety of programs available, and each serves a population with different needs. All have been impacted by budget cuts, but pulling from one program to support another only exacerbates the problem. Representatives from the Department of Aging and from United Taxicab spoke to the issue, and all agreed that focus on responsiveness needs to occur but that further requests to explore alternate programs might jeopardize beneficial activity at this time.
 - c. The Committee unanimously agreed not to introduce an amended motion, and to table the discussion of this issue indefinitely.
7. Neighborhood Bicycle Plan
 - a. The Committee opened discussion to possible modifications to a portion of the proposed neighborhood bicycle plan at the request of Diana Darrin. Diana expressed concern about the portion of the proposed plan route which would travel Formosa Ave from Second Street to Beverly. After review, the committee suggested moving the proposed path to the west to travel north on Alta Vista until it intersects with Beverly, from where it would continue north on Formosa again. This modification was unanimously agreed and will be made to the plan ultimately submitted to the City for consideration.
8. Discussion re Mid City West participation in Park(ing) Day LA on September 18, 2009.
 - a. Jeff Jacobberger and Teresa Feldman discussed Council participation in Park(ing) Day. Jeff and Teresa represented the council and occupied a space near Beverly and Flores for a few hours, and there was community engagement with the site. Both noted opportunities to enhance the experience next year, with more information being available about the Community Council, LAUSD pedestrian safety information, local bike shop participation, etc.
9. Discussion re transportation, parking and streetscape improvement "wish list" was postponed. To be continued to a future meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. Wish List
 - b. Traffic at Town & Country Center
 - c. Bicyclists Bill of Rights
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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