

**DRAFT MINUTES: Planning/Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee**  
**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6:00 to 7:55 PM**  
**Mar Vista Library (Southwest corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)**  
**12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066**  
**Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace**

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1. Call to Order: 6 PM
2. Introductions and Public Announcements/Comments
3. Approval of Minutes for meeting on 6/16/09
4. Report on MVCC Board Actions on Urban Planning/Land Use Committee-Related Efforts
  - a. Mission Statement passed by the Committee last month; to be voted on by the Board tomorrow night (7/14/09) Policy Motion regarding project at Venice/Lincoln to be voted on the Board tomorrow night (7/14/09)
5. Committee/Task Force Reports, with potential motions
  - a. Update on Concept Plan, Old Fire Station 62 and ROSE Committees--Giving out Certificates of Appreciation to everyone involved with Old FS 62 Cleanup and other projects tomorrow at Board meeting, Sharon to send info separately.
  - b. Sober Living Housing Regulation Update
    - i. --Need to speak to Bill Rosendahl and Carmen Trutanich about this. Many neighbors attended meeting tonight from Barrington, concerned about 4-5 Sober living facilities all together, huge trucks making deliveries, lots of sudden new influx of people. Lora Aka spoke first, new facilities line Barrington, North of Venice--2 Promises, 1 New Directions, 1 VET Administration at 3718 S. Barrington. A 3-Bedroom Home with 19 beds, 2 car Garage is being advertised by Promises advertises as an 18 Bed Facility with 12 staff members and a Semi Truck delivering food at all times. In 2003 when it expanded, the neighbors already discussed this with Cindy Miscikowski's office. With the 3 facilities and a fourth new building, there are roughly a total of 14+18+19 Beds in this area, plus Staff of at least 10, plus twice a week family visits. Sharon Commins made a comment as to issues that other CD's have tried to regulate.
    - ii. We need to look at Code enforcement, parking enforcement, and what is allowed. Bill Pope should be contacted about parking, B & S should be contacted regarding visits, nuisance abatement, do the facilities have a business license, etc., and Senior Lead Officer Tom Wicks to be contacted. Sharon Commins pointed out the need to document incidents with diaries and video cameras.
6. Old Business
  - a. West Washington Blvd. Corridor Update (Washington/Centinela and adjacent Developments )--On hold until next year, because of economic downturn
  - b. **Policy Motion: The MVCC recommends the Department of City Planning assign an individual planner to be responsible for each submitted case from start to finish, so that the Planning Department provides continuous review and monitoring of any significant changes to a project by other departments during the project plan review, construction and completion--** Tabled to get input from Whitney Blumenfeld, as she has a motion which was put on hold with budget cuts
  - c. Casden Development, Exposition/Sepulveda/Pico Motion Review/Reorganization --Ken updated the committee on Casden meeting with constituents, working on letters from individuals and groups to address questions and concerns in EIR
  - d. Mission Statement for PLUM Committee (passed last month in committee, to be voted upon by Board tomorrow night)
    - i. **The PLUM Committee shall promote community input and involvement in land use, planning, beautification and appropriately-sized public, commercial and residential development in the Mar Vista region, and provide recommendations to the MVCC Board of Directors regarding such issues, in order to improve the health and quality of life for MVCC stakeholders.**
7. New Business
  - a. Vista Del Rey Christian Church (12118 Pacific Ave.) Variance --Owners didn't show up, as they thought the meeting was on another night
  - b. Project at Venice/Lincoln [Venice NC]:
    - i. **Policy Motion: The MVCC Board supports the Community Impact Statement of the Venice Neighborhood Council opposing the granting of any variances to the proposed project at 1020 West Venice Blvd. (Southwest Corner of Venice and Lincoln, Planning Case Numbers CPC 2008-3327, TT-63154, APCW 2005-9354 SPE CDP SPP ZAA), and strongly recommends that the City mandate that any exceptions granted under**

**density bonuses or density bonus incentives be in compliance with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.** --Ken Alpern made the motion, seconded by Sharon Commins. Motion passed, 8-0-0

- c. Request to sell Beer/Wine at 7-11 Store
  - i. --Sherrie Olson of 7-11 and owners (Mansoor Ali, who has run a similar 7-11 operation on Washington Blvd for approximately 30 years without any alcohol violations, and reportedly a good police record) of property spoke and gave a presentation. This 7-11 at Centinela and Venice is now serving fresh food there (new image), and is replacing a 5-Star Food Mart as of 12/08 with a \$500,000 investment into cleaning up that parcel there. There will be a no-tolerance policy for individual franchise owners with respect to alcohol and cigarettes sales (there are "secret shoppers" to test all employees). 7-11 and the owners wish to have a more family-friendly image, with community outreach to schools such as awards for good grades. This 7-11 is adjacent to the CVS and the supermarket that also sells liquor, and they're all far enough away from local schools to please SLO Wicks. The SLO has contacted Ken Alpern and supported granting the alcohol sales CUP. Sherrie has 300 signatures from neighbors supporting the sales and the owners there, although Judy Deutsch and other neighbors were concerned about the pre-existing alcohol and drunk behavior problems and the potential to have this new store worsen the problem.
  - ii. The operation will be open 24 hours, but there will be no alcohol sales from 2-6 am.; it was asked if they could limit to 1am for possible Good Hurt Traffic. There will be increased cameras with the 7-11, so the police favors the increased surveillance to the area. As aforementioned, 3544 Centinela may have a problem as they have issues with bottles, trash, and graffiti.
8. Future Agenda Items
  - a. --Red Mountain Retail – revised project 3115 S. Sepulveda Blvd. with five floors, 163 units, two levels of basement parking and with a total of 427 parking spaces. The requested zone change is from its current C2-1VL to a new RAS-4-1 zoning status.
9. Adjournment: 6:55 PM