



Agenda - Meeting of MCW Board
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Mid City West Community Council
543 N. Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90036
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1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2014 meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Message from Chair
5. Governmental announcements [CD4, CD5, LAPD, Mayor's Office, DONE-Elections]
6. Treasurer's Report

MOTION: The MCW Board approves the monthly expenditure and p-card statements for transactions through January 31, 2014.

MOTION: The Mid City West Community Council approves a fee of \$1,015 for payment to Pan Pacific Park for use during the November 2013 first annual Harvest Festival.

Committee reports and motions

7. PLUC

359 S. La Brea Avenue; ZA 2013-3895 CUB; (La Boulange)

Request: Conditional Use Permit application for on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with the operation of a proposed 3,494 square-foot (2,973 interior and 521 exterior) restaurant with 96 seats (70 interior and 26 patio) and hours of operation from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m., 7 days/week.

Project Description: The project is a new restaurant at 4th and La Brea with automobile and bicycle parking at the rear of the property accessible from 4th and the alley. Some details regarding menu and operation provided.

Hearing Officer: Theodore Irving, theodore.irving@lacity.org, 213.978.1366 Expedite Unit 3

Hearing Date: TBD

MOTION:

The Mid-City West Community Council moves to support the application with the following conditions:
That any change of operator would require re-approval of the beer and wine Conditional Use Permit for the site.

That parking lot lighting is to be shielded to direct light to lot and reduce impact on the neighborhood.

That a signage program be required for the site requesting patrons to be quiet and respectful to the neighborhood.

That an acceptable trash deposit plan be put in place to restrict trash dumping to hours of operation in order to reduce noise impact on the neighborhood.

That the hours of alcohol service be limited to 9am to 11PM (closing).

BACKGROUND:

The committee voted 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

The reasons to support the motion include:

- Main focus of restaurant is food; beer and wine expected to be a minor proportion of overall sales.
- Restaurant operator is well established; originates from French bakery in San Francisco. This location is a So Cal extension of a dozen or so La Boulange restaurants in the Bay Area.
- Restaurant design is pedestrian friendly and prices are reasonable; will provide a convenient place for stakeholders to gather and eat.
- Sound and sight mitigations offered vis-à-vis adjacent residential neighborhoods.
- Adequate patron car and bicycle parking provided.

The reasons to oppose the motion include:

- A resident stakeholder neighbor spoke against the project, noting its large size and resultant impact on a pleasant, quiet residential community and concern about noise from the parking lot.

8. Budget - update

9. Bylaws - update

10. Communications and Outreach - update

11. Education - update

12. Election - update

13. Public Safety - update

14. Public Policy - update

15. Transportation, Parking and Streetscape

a. MOTION:

The Mid City West Community Council moves to allocate \$750 toward outreach at the April 6th Iconic Wilshire Boulevard CicLAvia, to be used for booth fees, promotional materials, etc.

BACKGROUND:

The committee voted 4 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. The motion passed.

Los Angeles' open streets festival, CicLAvia, will be returning to Mid City West on April 6th. CicLAvia gives Angelenos the chance to enjoy car free streets for a day on foot or bike. The April 6th event will run along Wilshire Boulevard from Downtown LA to Fairfax Avenue. At each end of the route will be pedestrian only hubs with activities and programming. Mid City West participated in the first Wilshire

Boulevard CicLAvia on June 23, 2013, and it was a successful outreach event for the council. Funds allocated to the event would be used for applicable booth fees, purchasing promotional materials, etc.

b. MOTION:

The Mid City West Community Council moves to write a letter to the Beverly Hills City Council in support of installing bike lanes as part of the city's Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project, to comply with the state's Complete Streets Act, enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and promote access to Beverly Gardens Park.

BACKGROUND:

The committee voted 4 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. The motion passed.

The City of Beverly Hills is planning for a Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project to be carried out in Spring of 2015. The project will rebuild the roadway, upgrade the drainage system, and make other repairs and improvements. Beverly Hills convened a Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) to study options for the project. The BRC has recommended widening the roadway to 66 feet, adding striped bicycle lanes, and adding vegetated medians. These recommendations have not yet been officially presented to the Beverly Hills City Council.

The City of Los Angeles and the City of West Hollywood have expressed an interest in extending their Santa Monica Boulevard bike lanes to the east and west borders of Beverly Hills. The result of the city's combined actions would be continuous bike lanes on Santa Monica Boulevard from Kings Road in West Hollywood to Sepulveda Boulevard in West LA, providing Mid City West residents a convenient bicycle route to the westside.

16. Planning and Land Use Committee

a. 609-611 N. La Brea (Bludso's Bar & Que); ZA 2006-6383 CUB-PA1

Request: Plan Approval requesting renewal of above mentioned Conditional Use Permit to continue sale of full line of alcoholic beverages at restaurant at 609 N. La Brea Ave. Applicant is also requesting relief from Condition 13 of the existing CUB that prohibits live entertainment and dancing so that they may have live, amplified music at the front of the restaurant, but no dancing.

Project Description: Restaurant owner is requesting Plan Approval for renewal of above mentioned Conditional Use Permit to continue sale of full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47) at 3505 sq ft. restaurant, Bludso's Bar & Que, 609 N. La Brea Ave., with 145 total occupancy, 103 indoor seats, 25 outdoor seats (fronting on La Brea), with hours of operation of 9 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily. 4 parking spaces on-site. Valet parking available for patrons. Applicant is also requesting relief from Condition 13 of the existing CUB that prohibits live entertainment and dancing so that they may have live, amplified music at the front of the restaurant, but no dancing.

Hearing Officer: TBD

Hearing Date: TBD

MOTION:

The Mid-City West Community Council moves to support the application with the following conditions:

That live music be permitted but be required to cease at 10 p.m.

That any change of operation would require plan re-approval of the full line of alcohol Conditional Use Permit for the site.

BACKGROUND:

The committee voted 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

The reasons to support the motion include:

Bludso's Bar & Que is a popular, well-reviewed Texas-style barbeque restaurant that operates on a busy commercial street.

Musical entertainment would enhance the dining atmosphere of the restaurant.

The entrance and outdoor seating is on La Brea; adjacent residential neighbors are not disturbed by noise.

No stakeholders spoke against the application.

The reasons to oppose the motion include:

None noted.

b. 7311 Beverly (Itacho Restaurant); ZA 2013-3786 (CUB)

Request: Conditional Use Permit for the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with interior hours of operation: 10AM-12AM Sunday-Thursday, 10AM-1 AM Friday, Saturday and Holidays and patio/mezzanine hours: 10AM-11PM Sunday-Thursday, 10AM-Midnight Friday, Saturday and Holidays. Applicant is also requesting approval to open the top mezzanine area for dining, as a private party dining space, where they would install a soundproofing curtain that would meet LAFD requirements to be sure that noise would not be emanating from that area into the adjacent neighborhood. This does not involve increased seating capacity beyond 72 seats. Applicant is also requesting an amendment to the current conditions of the CUB that prohibit a happy hour so that they may provide a happy hour.

Hearing Officer: TBD

Hearing Date: TBD

MOTION:

The Mid-City West Community Council moves to support the application as requested.

BACKGROUND:

The committee voted 7 Yeas, 1 Nay, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

The reasons to support the motion include:

Additional hour of operation for indoor dining will meet the demands of clientele for later dining hours.

Opening up the mezzanine for dining will allow greater seating flexibility for the restaurant.

The allowance of a happy hour would help their business in drawing in an early evening dinner crowd.

One stakeholder spoke in favor of the application; patronizes the business often, including with his young daughter; says the food is excellent and it is family friendly.

The reasons to oppose the motion include:

A question was raised by a committee member as to whether the applicant is in compliance with the revocable permit for the front patio, specifically with regard to a barrier and sidewalk clearance.

A stakeholder spoke against the application, claiming that applicant was not in compliance with some of the conditions of existing CUB and with the conditions of the revocable permit

17. Administrative Board Discussion

18. Motion to Adjourn.

19. Next Board meeting: February 11, 2014 @ 6:30pm.

Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction; Comment from Board member's own activities; Brief announcements; Brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights; Assign Committee Chairs to research issues and report back to the Board at a future time. Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events. Introduce new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/request that the item be placed on the next meeting's agenda or sent to a MCWCC committee.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address Mid City West on any item on the agenda. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within 4

the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board or committee chair.

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SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR A LA OFICINA 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL (213) 485- 1360.

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