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WEST LOS ANGELES SAWTELLE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Planning and Land Use Committee and Joint Board SPECIAL Meeting - AGENDA

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 – 6:15 pm

**Stoner Park lunch room (main building) – 1845 Stoner Ave.
West Los Angeles, Calif. 90025**

**Video (no public participation): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81811639087>
Meeting ID: 818 1163 9087 (and press #)**

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Persons wishing to address the Board must dial **(833) 548-0282**, enter **818 1163 9087** and press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item. Comments on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments on matters not on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is a minimum of 1 minute and maximum of 5 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

All items on the agenda are subject to discussion, possible action and filing of a Community Impact Statement to the Office of the City Clerk.

Agenda, Minutes and documents: <https://tinyurl.com/3sy9z33c>

Submit public comments to Secretary: JayR@WestLASawtelle.org

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**
 - a. PLUM: 7 members (4 in person for quorum).
 - b. Board: 15 members (9 in person for quorum).
- II. **MINUTES:** Motion - Approval of Aug. 13 meeting.
- III. **GOVERNMENT/ AGENCY PARTNER REPORTS:** CD11 - Jeff Khau, Planning Deputy.
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction (minimum of 1 minute).
- V. **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:** Matt Dzurec, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, representative, Exposition/Gateway apartments; Dana Sayles, 360, representative; Jeff Zbikowski, JZ Architects, representative.
- VI. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - a. Election of officers: Vice Chair, Secretary.
 - b. Cornerstone training: L.Hill, V.Peagler, C.Aranguri.
 - c. Appointments to United Neighbors planning advocacy group: Grass-roots group of neighbors that is questioning SCAG/RHNA numbers, the City's desire for upzoning, and areas that the City has suggested for upzoning.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. West L.A. Community Plan update: Request the following revisions to the proposed West L.A. Community Plan update, and authorize committee officers to submit a Community Impact Statement:
 1. Motion to retain all industrial height and density at the current base. All additional industrial height and density shall be as a bonus conditional upon provision of to publicly accessible open space amenities and eliminating public storage as a non-residential community benefit.
Justification: The Sawtelle area of WLA bears two disproportionate burdens, namely the majority of industrial zoning and the least amount of meaningful, green open space across the entire Westside. Yet, nearly all of this industrially zoned land either sits underutilized or is not employed in hazardous uses. These two inequities should compensate each other, and the political will to increase the utilization of these areas while benefiting residential areas, should be leveraged to provide for meaningful open space capable of repopulating the large mature trees so sorely lacking in our community and at-risk of loss due to the unprecedented, broad scale densification. This zoning requirement would aid in bringing Sawtelle into compliance with per capita greenspace requirement and guidelines under SB 1000 and AB 686, i.e. Environmental Justice and Equity.
 2. Motion that public open space amenities be required for industrial zones on the portions adjacent to R zones (east side of Carmelina, north sides of Nebraska, Missouri, La Grange and Mississippi) including:
 - a. Sub-area 52 (west side of Carmelina Ave.).
 - b. Sub-areas 44, 51 55, 56, 57 (south sides of Nebraska, Missouri, La Grange and Mississippi Ave.).

3. Motion to designate the southwest corner block of the intersection of Bundy and Nebraska a separate subarea given its potential for future open space. Justification: It's current low-density retail and parking lot use in a high quality transit area qualify it as acutely underutilized as a parking lot and instead optimal as of high, realistic probability for conversion to meaningful, green, open space.
4. Motion to designate South Bundy Drive as a Commercial Corridor with mixed-use zoning of density, height, and FAR bases of FA, 13, and 8.5, including WLA 3 to WLA 40 at Pico Blvd. Justification: South Bundy Drive has transitioned over the past several years as a result of (i) the recent high density residential, commercial, and industrial development, (ii) introduction of the metro light rail, (iii) pedestrian access to multi-modal, city-wide public transportation, and (iv) its burgeoning job center designation. Moreover, a broad array of family household essential amenities are located along this portion including groceries (Gelson's, Ace Hardware, Staples, and gymnasiums).
5. Motion to designate the half mile portions of S. Bundy Dr. and Olympic Blvd. from their intersection as a Community Center due to the proximity to two job centers and two mass-transit rail stations.
6. Motion to prioritize non-profit affordable urgent and hospital care use and meaningful open green space, as community benefits within the Update's Community Benefit System for the Sawtelle area of West Los Angeles. Justification: Sawtelle falls far below the Westside per capita average for accessible, affordable urgent-care as well as green, open space.
7. Motion to preserve the current base density for every block adjacent to Stoner Park by reducing the zoning subareas of WLA 6, 7, 8, and 9.
8. Motion to zone on a whole block basis to eliminate intra-block inconsistencies.
9. Motion to expand WLA 11 to adjacent blocks with density, height, and FAR bases of FA, 13, and 8.5, respectively to reconcile prior inconsistencies.
10. Motion to preserve Westgate, Granville, and Stoner Avenues, between Missouri and Mississippi Avenues, as well as Idaho Ave. between Centinela and Amherst Avenues in WLA 4 and 7, as Green Corridors by retaining their current density, height, and FAR bases. Justification: These blocks contain unusually tall and mature trees that would require more than two generations to replace. Given the inequitable canopy coverage in Sawtelle relative to adjacent affluent areas, their protection must be ensured.
11. Motion to update frontage portions of zoning code to increase setbacks sufficient to allow for rooted trees in exchange for additional height.
12. Motion to subdivide subarea WLA 8 by bisecting it across Colby Avenue in order to allow for more precise zoning considerations and feedback regarding the historic Japanese community institutions including WLA United Methodist, Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, and the WLA Buddhist Temple.
13. Motion to designate WLA 11 and 40 as a community center due to its proximity to mass transit.
14. Motion to update the zoning code by adding urgent and hospital care use to all commercial, mixed-use and industrial designations in order to locate essential services near high quality transit areas.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

PLUM members:

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Ron Ben-Yehuda, Boardmember RonB@WestLASawtelle.org
Vince Peagler, Neighbor member
Lynn Novella Hill, Neighbor member
Cesar Aranguri, Neighbor member

Government/agency partners:

- a. Mayor Bass: West field deputy - Lisa Payne Lisa.Payne@LACity.org - (213) 320-8205.
Westside info/events: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>
- b. Council District #11: Traci Park - Traci.Park@LACity.org WLA Field Deputy - Michael Amster Michael.Amster@LACity.org Gabriela Medina Gabriela.Medina@LACity.org .
- c. Transportation-Claire Eberle: Slow Streets Claire.Eberle@LACity.org .
- d. Supervisor District #3-Lindsay Horvath: ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov Field Deputy - Zachary Gaidzik ZGaidzik@LACounty.gov
- e. State Assembly District #30-Sydney Kamlager: Field Representative – TBD.
- f. State Assembly District #51-Rick Chavez Zbur: Field Representative – Sherwin Shamoeil Sherwin.Shamoeil@ASM.CA.gov .
- g. State Assembly District #54-Isaac Bryan: Field Representative - Michelle Persoff, Michelle.Persoff@ASM.CA.gov
- h. U.S. House of Representatives-Ted Lieu: Representative -
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Karen.Calderon@Mail.House.gov
- i. Police Dept.: Senior Lead Officer James Lavenson - 30627@lapd.online
- j. Citizens Forestry Advisory Council (Urban Forestry): CD11 representative- Isabelle Duvivier.
- k. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: John Darnell John.Darnell@LACity.org
- l. Stoner Park: Adria Deliberto, Director rap.stonerrc@lacity.org .
- m. DWP: Deborah Hong - Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com .

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7c: Santa Monica Blvd. bicycle lane

Multiple alternatives are currently being studied to determine the best multimodal improvement. Known as the 'Ohio to Ohio' project, the intent is to close an existing bicycle route gap that is bisected by SR-2.

The alternatives below are being considered for the project.

Note: 'peak hour' is commonly referred to as rush hour, wherein the outermost travel lane would become a dedicated lane for buses only during certain parts of the day.

Alternative 1: This alternative would widen the existing roadway to accommodate both a bike lane and a 'peak hour' bus lane. Parking would not be removed.



Alternative 2: This alternative would create a bi-directional bike lane on one side of Santa Monica Blvd, which would require the removal of both the 'peak hour' bus lane and parking for segment.



Alternative 3: This alternative is also considered the ‘no build’ alternative, where the existing roadway layout would remain. Please note that a current Caltrans project involves converting the parking lane into a shared bus/bike lane during peak hour through this segment of the Santa Monica Blvd corridor.

