



MID CITY WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Board of Directors AGENDA

FEBRUARY 9, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)

MCW Headquarters-Main Auditorium

543 N. Fairfax Avenue

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board 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 the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. As covered under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the MCWCC does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Call 213 202-2764 or email richard.ray@lacity.org.

OPENING ITEMS

- 1. Call to Order; Roll Call (3 min)
- 2. Opening Remarks from the Chair (2 min)
- 3. Approval of January 12, 2010 Minutes (2 min)
- 4. Public Comment Period (10 min)
Comments from the public on matters within Board jurisdiction. Per MCWCC Bylaws, comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- 5. Announcements from City Representatives (10 min)
 - a. Empower LA
 - b. Other Representatives for Council Offices, Mayor and other elected officials

CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND MID CITY WEST BUDGET ITEMS AND ISSUES

- 6. Treasurer’s Report (3 min)
- 7. Information and Discussion re City of Los Angeles Budget Crisis (20 min)
 - a. **Public Policy Committee: MOTION: Mid City West to participate by keeping board and stakeholders informed, offering solutions and joining the BudgetLA Project to help insure neighborhood councils have a seat at the solutions table.**
- 8. Mid City West Budget Issues (20 min)
 - a. City Administrative Officer proposals and City Council action re FY 2009-10 budget: Eliminating NC Funding and Sweeping “Rollover” Funds
 - b. DONE action re freezing “rollover” funds
 - c. Implications for current year budget and possible actions in response
 - d. City Council action re FY 2010-11 budget: 50% reduction in annual funding to \$22,500
 - e. **Public Policy Committee:**
 - i. **MOTION: Create a Standing Rule that limits MCW spending to expenses that enable MCW to fulfill the goals and responsibilities mandated in the City Charter.**

MID CITY WEST ELECTION UPDATE

9. Election Committee: Report

(5 min)

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar includes items that are expected to be routine or noncontroversial, as determined by the Chair, Executive Council and/or committee chair. They will be voted on as a whole unless a stakeholder submits a speaker card on an item, or a Board Member requests that an item be pulled from the consent calendar. Any stakeholder or Board Member should feel free to request that an item be pulled. Our intent is not to stifle debate or discussion on any item, but rather to allow the Mid City West Community Council to focus its time and attention on matters of greater importance to the community.

10. Land Use Committee

a. 8055 W. Third St.:

- i. **MOTION: Support application for deviation from Corner Commercial Requirements to (1) allow parking hours to extend until 2:00 am and (2) waive requirement for 5 foot landscaping buffer adjacent to sidewalk, conditioned upon applicant participating in West Third Street streetscape plan.**
- ii. The proposed project involves demolition of the existing auto repair and small commercial office currently located on the property. The new project would include a ground floor retail use on 3rd street (no restaurant) with second and third floor devoted to professional office uses (but not to a medical office). No increase in FAR or building heights are proposed. The project will be parked to Code. The applicant has agreed to make its parking lot available after office hours for the Third Street Valet program.

b. Jian Restaurant: 8256 Beverly

- i. **MOTION: Support application in part and oppose in part, as follows:**
 1. **Support application for extended hours on Sunday-Thursday from 11am to 11pm and on Friday-Saturday from 11am to 11:30 pm.**
 2. **Support request to eliminate requirement for a doorman.**
 3. **Support removal of condition requiring free valet service.**
 4. **Support the use of alternative verified solutions for parking that could include stacked parking in the lot on the premises.**
- ii. This is a renewal of a full-line CUB. This restaurant should be familiar to many Board members, since MCW has dealt with it several times. The Land Use Committee motion is substantially similar to the motion previously passed by the Board, with an extension of hours commensurate with operating hours of other restaurants in the immediate vicinity.

11. Transportation Parking & Streetscape Committee

a. Move LA:

- i. **MOTION: MCWCC supports Move LA and its "30/10 Plan" to expedite construction of the LA subway and other Measure R funded programs in 10 versus 30 years. It directs the Executive Council and the TPS Committee to communicate to all relevant officials that we are in support of the provisions of Move LA's 30/10 Plan.**

b. Movietown Plaza: 7300-7328 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood

- i. **MOTION: The Mid City West Community Council (MCWCC) strongly requests and recommends that the West Hollywood City Council and the developer Casden Movietown LLC include provisions in the Movietown Plaza development project to protect the residential areas south of the project from additional traffic caused by the project. These residential streets are in the City of Los Angeles in the area represented by MCWCC, the official Neighborhood Council for more than 80,000 residents and other stakeholders
At a minimum, this would include signage and curb designs at the project exits to direct**

traffic north to Santa Monica Blvd. and away from the narrow residential streets south of the development. Another more direct alternative would include the creation of a half cul-de-sac at the intersection of Romaine Ave. and Poinsettia Place, allowing for only northbound traffic into the project area.

Upon approval by the MCWCC Board of Directors, this motion shall be forwarded to the West Hollywood City Council, to Casden Movietown LLC, and to the Los Angeles City Councilmember for Council District 5.

12. **Public Policy Committee**

- a. **MOTION to support creation of independent LADWP Ratepayers Advocate**

ITEMS REQUIRING FORMAL BOARD ACTION OR OF GENERAL INTEREST

13. **Land Use Committee**

- a. **Wilshire Crescent Heights Project:** (30 min)

i. **MOTION:** The Mid City West Community Council supports Wilshire Crescent Heights LLC's proposed 21-story mixed-use residential and commercial/retail project, Case Nos. VTT-70316-CN & ENV-2008-0729-EIR, including:

1. **Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to base the "buildable area" of the project upon the original lot lines, including the lot area used for required street dedications, the 13-foot prescriptive easement area along Wilshire Boulevard, and the lot area used for required yard setbacks;**
2. **Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to excluded covered outdoor common space area—located on the 5th floor of the project—from the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) calculation;**
3. **Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to reduce easterly side setback for the parking podium levels (floors 1 through 4) from the required 16 feet to 0 feet; and**
4. **Approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map, which would allow the residential and/or commercial units to be sold as condominiums.**

This approval is subject to the list of conditions included in Attachment A, including a commitment to forgo development of the parcel at the southeast corner of Crescent Heights and Orange Street, and various measures to address traffic and parking concerns.

- b. **Ross Site/Proposed Casden Project: 6298 W. Third Street:** (30 min)

- i. **MOTION: Mid City West demands a full environmental impact report (EIR) for the project and opposes the project as currently configured.**
- ii. This is a 300-unit condominium project with age restrictions (55+) on some units and age and income restrictions (senior affordable housing) on other units. Portions of the project would be 170 feet tall (13 stories over a 2-story parking podium).

- c. **Ratner's Deli:** (10 min)

- i. **The Land Use Committee reached no position either supporting or opposing the application, so forwarded the application to the Board with no recommendation.**
- ii. This is an application for a CUP for on-site sale and consumption of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a proposed 4,146 sq. ft. restaurant with a total of 199 seats and hours of operation from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily. The applicant is requesting a CUP for on-site sales and consumption of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a proposed 636 sq. ft. bar-lounge, having a total of 48 seats, with hours of operation 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily. The applicant is also requesting a Zone Variance to provide required on-site parking off-site through lease in lieu of recorded covenant.

14. **Transportation, Parking and Streetscape Committee:**

- a. **Fairfax and West Hollywood/Hollywood DASH Lines** (10 min)

i. **MOTION:** The Fairfax and West Hollywood/Hollywood DASH lines are a vital transportation link in the Mid City West Community. The MCWCC strongly urges the City

of Los Angeles not to eliminate these lines. At a minimum, we request that the City continue these DASH lines for at least one additional year, to allow for the community to promote their use and make recommendations to update and enhance their routes.

CLOSING ITEMS

15. Public Comment Period

Comments from the public on matters within Board Jurisdiction. Per MCWCC Bylaws, comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Board Member Comments/Announcements

Adjourn

16. Sexual Harassment Video (Required for those who haven't seen it yet). (15min)

Next MCWCC Regular Board Meeting: March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**(Reminder: MCWCC Board Meetings are held at the MCWCC Offices,
NCJW Auditorium, 1st Floor, 543 N. Fairfax Avenue)**

For information on the Process for Reconsideration, MCWCC Stakeholder Grievance policy or any other procedural matter related to this Council, please consult the MCWCC Bylaws by clicking on the www.midcitywest.org or visiting the MCWCC Office at 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Room 106