



SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733

Roll Call: President Richard Scandaliato called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Richard Scandaliato, Vern Hall, Dave Billings, Richard Welsh, John Lang, August Caimi, Jerry Gaines

Absent: Gordon Thomas, Terri Peirce, Lori Terzoli

Guests: Bob Genest, Erwin Bucy

Opening Comments - President Richard Scandaliato

- Meeting is to reach consensus on assessment of the proposed Drive-Thru Coffee establishment proposal.
- Suggest we think globally as issue is about the entire shopping center
- Introduce Board Members.

Project Presentation.

Erwin Bucy (representing the Paragon Group--Property Owners) introduced the proposed Drive-Thru project using maps to illustrate details. He first discussed his experience working with specific land use projects on other locations during his career. He proceeded to provide a timeline of what action has been taken to date in gaining approval of the project. Erwin has communicated with Richard Scandaliato on occasion for the past year and has met with nearby residents on 23rd Street. Legal approvals on the property being considered for the drive-thru facility have been coming forward over the past weeks in regard to the EIR question and expected traffic impacts assessed by DOT and his Traffic Engineer. Presentations with follow-up approvals by these entities were made with the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce in September. He scheduled a specific meeting with the San Pedro Chamber, CSPNC, and the SSCA to network with DOT and his Traffic Engineer to address traffic safety issues. He expressed concern on the time to complete approvals from the various government entities, as the financing of the project is at risk.

Overview

Jerry Gaines (Co-Author of LA City Charter Reform Neighborhood Councils) described the legal process of the use of standing committees within the Neighborhood Council. The CSPNC has a Planning and Transportation Committee that vets proposals such as the Drive-Thru Coffee establishment 25th Street Western Ave. under review. They approved the project in September. There is opposition to the project seeking to have the NC revisit the issue, arguing the need to hear of alleged new issues associated with a drive-thru as proposed,

As noted above, he attended the meeting held by Erwin Bucy at the San Pedro Chamber to connect with DOT and Traffic Engineers to inquire more on traffic safety assessments.

Recently in examining the traffic highway markings on Western Ave., there was observed by Jerry and Erwin that by **moving the new driveway north for the project, there would be sufficient room to establish a pocket lane on the highway to accommodate safe entry for vehicles turning left and merging into northbound Western Ave. traffic.** This action would allow exiting vehicle traffic to leave the area via northbound Western Ave. avoiding traveling west within the overall shopping center. The residents on Moray have expressed concern of potential added traffic from traffic exiting from the shopping center.

Overtake on Oct. 27 Meeting with Erwin Bucy, DOT, and his Traffic Safety Engineer

Bob Genest described how the meeting with DOT and the Traffic Engineer went in addressing questions. The meeting lasted some two hours with a healthy exchange of concerns discussed related to the proposed project.

Specific Board Suggestions by August Caimi

August expressed interest in having 24-7 communications established, and defined hours of operation posted. Also defined barriers and signs be installed for driver use. There needs to be a 24-hour hot line with a contact name to address potential noise or other issues that may arise in a drive-thru establishment

Question By John Lang on EIR

The City has stated that the project is eligible as a "Negative Declaration."

Question By Richard Welsh on lanes and bikeways

The consensus is that this issue should be addressed separately from the Drive-Thru project.

Question By Richard Scandalianto

There should be some thought on how residents can become more informed say by a scheduled site visit with project officials and representatives of local elected officials at a future date. Discussion also focused on the desire to install a traffic signal at 25th St. and Moray. It is agreed this an issue to address at a later date.

MOTION ON ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED DRIVE-THRU PROJECT

It was moved by Vern Hall and seconded by Jerry Gaines to draft a resolution that describes the project, notes support and opposition to the project, and states specific conditions that should be included in a *Conditional Use Permit* issued by the City of Los Angeles for the project (subject to public hearings).

Vote: YES - Richard Scandalianto, Vern Hall, Richard Welsh, Dave Billings, August Caimi, Jerry Gaines. ABSTAIN: John Lang **MOTION PASSES.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jerry Gaines, Secretary