WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (LUPC) MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 – 4:15 PM-5:15 PM
City of Los Angeles Westwood Branch Public Library
1246 Glendon Avenue, Meeting Room Los Angeles, CA 90024
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1. 4:15 p.m. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of this agenda as presented and posted.
3. Approval of Minutes as posted: 10/11/17
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. OLD BUSINESS:
   DISCUSSION/ACTION
   A. BROXTON
      Project Address: 1099 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024
      Contact Info: Margaret Taylor, 213-330-0335, x103
      Project Description: Per Section 12.24 W 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Applicant seeks a Conditional Use Permit to allow the addition of a microbrewery use secondary and ancillary to the permitted full line of alcohol sales in conjunction with the operation of a new tenant in an existing 4,656 square-foot interior (168 seat) sit-down dining, full menu restaurant with outdoor patio dining areas on Broxton with 808 square-feet and 50 seats for a total of 5,464 square feet and 218 seats, with hours of operation and alcohol sales from 11 am- 2 am, Monday through Friday and 7 am – 2 am, Saturday and Sunday. No off-site sales - microbrewery limited production for consumption within the restaurant. Sign installation, modifications to the existing patio dining area, and one roof equipment screen to an existing restaurant.
      Supporting Documents: http://www.wwnc.org/BROXTON

6. Adjournment 5:15 p.m.
1. 4:15 p.m. Call to Order – Roll: Connie Boukidis, Dr. Jerry Brown, Mary Chiu, and Marcello Robinson present.
2. Unanimous approval of Agenda as posted.
3. Approval of Minutes as posted and presented: 9/13/17.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 18 stakeholders at the meeting. Stakeholders commented on how appeals against applicants trying to open businesses in Westwood Village waste time and money, and that the appeals process shouldn’t be abused. Others spoke about how many people would like more dining options in Westwood Village and want to see it move forward. Andrew Thomas of the Westwood Village Business Improvement District said that the problem is creating an unpredictable environment for applicants wishing to open a business in Westwood. Sandy Brown stated that if an applicant does what it says on the application there will be no appeal. The problem is that sometimes applicants are not honest and pull a bait & switch.

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Steve Sann stated that he attended the DRB meeting and the plans presented there by Artisanal Brewers Collective (ABC) for Broxton were significantly altered from the Broxton plans presented to WWNC, which had been approved. The windows which ABC had indicated were going to be restored to the original style were no longer on the plans. Steve further said that Matthew Quan with Planning told him he wouldn’t have accepted the plans if he had known that they were not the same as what was presented to the WWNC. Steve offered a motion which was not taken up by the LUPC.

There was some discussion about who is responsible for the window restoration, the applicant or the landlord. Property Manager Dan Austin said that he had walked the building with a construction vendor to see
what work was needed and said repairs to the building will be completed. He mentioned painting the whole building and tile repair, but said this is the first he has heard about windows.

Margaret Taylor stated that the reason the window restoration was not on the plans given to the DRB is because it is an historic-cultural monument work and that is a separate process from regular repair or remodeling work. ABC couldn’t propose the window restoration since it’s not allowed to be on the plans due to the different process required, which involves a process involving a federal agency. ABC will do the window restoration, but it must go about the process correctly.

Marcello Robinson moved, “[t]he LUPC requests that the Applicant return to the next LUPC meeting with the plans that were approved by the DRB so that the LUPC can take a position on them.” Mary Chiu seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

6. Upon unanimous approval of Motion to Adjourn, meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.