



MINUTES

Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 4 PM-5 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Stella Grey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

6 Present: Stella Grey, Robin Greenberg, Ellen Evans, Nickie Miner, Stephanie Savage, Leslie Weisberg.

5 Absent: Shawn Bayliss, Bobby Kwan, Maureen Levinson, Bob Schlesinger, Michael Schweitzer.

2. **Motion:** Approve proposed November 3, 2021, Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee meeting Agenda.

Moved by Stephanie Savage; **seconded** by Leslie Weisberg; **6/0/0 passed**

3. **Motion:** Approve October 6, 2021, Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee meeting minutes.

Moved by Leslie Weisberg; **seconded** by Stephanie Savage; **6/0/0 passed**.

4. **General Public Comments**

Stella: Reported about her conversation with LAFD regarding barbeque use at 1565 Haslam Terrace. LAFD took all measures falling short of issuing a citation. LAFD's interpretation of the code is that they cannot prohibit construction workers from doing what homeowners are allowed to do, i.e., smoking and using barbeques. FD advised in the future to report smoking and use of devices with open flame to the Brush Clearance unit.

Ellen: Stated that the code prohibits smoking in high fire hazard severity zone

Leslie: With large insurance providers withdrawing from California and premiums by the remaining insurances rising, laws that lower the risk of fires should be in place and enforced.

5. **Discussion:**

Stella: A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the motion.

Ellen: Consult with CD4 whether it is necessary to gather support of other communities.

Robin: Make a presentation to the Hillside Federation.

6. **Discussion:**

Ellen: Define the length of a "cool down period". Special attention to be paid to by-right projects that later request a discretionary approval.

Stephanie: Projects that appear in front of PLU shall not do so unless all discretionary approvals have been identified, which is not always the case.

7. Discussion:

Stephanie: Property taxes for projects under construction or occupied without COO have not always been collected. Back taxes can be collected for 4 previous years. Enough evidence has been collected to bring it to the attention of CD4 and 5. Stephanie will continue working with the Special Investigation Unit at the Office of Tax Collector but information gathering requires a lot of time.

Robin: A college student who is pursuing a degree in a related field may be interested to take on this project and get credits for it.

8. Discussion:

A preliminary list of questions for Victor Cuevas has been discussed.

9. Discussion:

Leslie and Nickie expressed a concern about rising cost of fire insurance for hillside residential homes and how it may drive residents out of the area. This discussion was linked to the previously raised question about lack of enforcement by the Fire Department.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2021