



MINUTES

Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 4 PM-5 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Stella Grey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

9 Present: Shawn Bayliss (joined at 4:10), Robin Greenberg, Stella Grey, Ellen Evans, Bobby Kwan, Nickie Miner, Stephanie Savage, Bob Schlesinger (joined at 4:11 PM), Leslie Weisberg.

2 Absent: Maureen Levinson, Michael Schweitzer.

2. **Motion:** Approve proposed December 1, 2021, Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee meeting Agenda.

Moved by Stephanie Savage; **seconded** by Leslie Weisberg; **7/0/0 passed**

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

Moved by Stephanie Savage; **seconded** by Bobby Kwan; **7/0/0 passed**.

4. **General Public Comments**

None.

5. **Discussion:**

Stella: Reported about the meeting with CD4, with Travis. CD4 supports the motion for street width verification and suggested to attached it to already existing motion under CF 18-1114 to shorten adoption time.

Although it is an appealing thought, the study under the CF 18-114 will take several years to complete. It is worth exploring whether our motion can be adopted via a BOE internal bulletin.

Bobby: Bobby inquired about the status of withdrawn streets. Stella to forward links to the council file CF 18-1114

Leslie: The City received COVID relief funds, and the surplus was put in a rainy-day fund. How these money can be used to assist with street verification and other projects and with hiring more personnel?

Shawn: provided a timeline for budget adoption and hiring; it could take a year.

Stephanie: Street dedication may be required for streets with asymmetrical centerline. This is very often missed, and omission affects street improvements. This should be included into the final motion. Stephanie to write a paragraph about it. Stella to verify with CD4 how to include it or issue a separate motion.

6. Discussion:

Stella: provided an update about smoking and open fire barbeque.

Shawn: Construction site has different requirements than a residential house. When you are building with permits, it is no longer a residence but a construction site. The state and the local governments have a lot of control over how it operates because it is about health and safety and not about the owner's right to enjoy a stake. It is also not allowed to have unsupervised flames at the jobsite.

Ellen: suggested that mentioning that workers do not care about communities they work in is not a good talking point.

Stella: to continue the conversation with LAFD

7. Discussion:

Stella: A draft of the motion was emailed to the Committee members.

Ellen: The proposed paragraph 5 (20%) will make small lots unbuildable. Small lots need to have a separate regulations and limits. Ellen will elaborate on her suggestion.

Jamie: The City already has a Multiple approvals ordinance (LAMC Section 12.36) and may make sense to improve its enforcement. Prioritizing discretionary approvals is important: some, if reviewed early in the project review process, will prevent future more expensive revisions.

Shawn: Suggested to identify core requirements out of total of 114 discretionary requirements for this motion.

Stella: We need to be careful because some known cases do not fall into the 'typical' category (Leslie's example)

Don: What is the threshold of a project to become discretionary? The purpose of preventing piecemealing is to minimize burden on City services. It should be considered piecemealing when a by-right project after completion applies for additional work even if the additional scope is by-right?

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:

Stephanie shared LAMC Sec. 12.26.a.3 that is pertinent to item 7 of the agenda as well. The item is continued.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2021