



## MINUTES

### **Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 4 PM-5 PM**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Stella Grey, Committee Chair, called a meeting to order at 4:00 PM.  
**9 Present:** Stella Grey, Robin Greenberg, Stephanie Savage, Bob Schlesinger, Gail Sroloff; Shawn Bayliss; Nickie Miner, Maureen Levinson, Bobby Kwan (joined the meeting later).  
  
**3 Absent:** Michael Schweitzer, Leslie Weisberg, Barbara Dawson.
2. **Motion:** Approve proposed May 5, 2021 Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee meeting Agenda.  
**Moved** by Stephanie Savage; **seconded** by Nickie Miner; **8/0/0 passed**
3. **Motion:** Approve April 7, 2021 Ad Hoc LADBS Policies Committee meeting minutes.  
**Moved** by Stephanie Savage; **seconded** by Shawn Bayliss; **8/0/0 passed**.
4. **General Public Comments**  
None.
5. **Discussion:**
  - Shawn: Larry Goldstein will answer our questions. Send a list of questions to Shawn. The list to be developed during one of the meetings.
  - Stella: updated re street width revision efforts as relates to three Marlay projects: 1501, 1509 and 1525.
  - Shawn: has a couple of projects where street width may be questioned. Standard limited hillside streets have 36 ft easement and 28 ft improved roadway. Substandard limited hillside streets have less than 36 ft easement and less than 28 ft roadway improvement.  
What happens if a street has a 36 ft wide easement but less than 28 ft improved roadway?
  - Jarrett suggested that the Committee emails specific requests/recommendations to CD5 to start a conversation. He also mentioned that the streets were built 100 years ago and measurements for Hillside Referral Forms were not always accurate, and that paved roadway dedication is not always symmetrical. Only surveys can confirm exact dimensions.
  - Stella: mentioned 8618 Franklin – illegal construction – no consequences to the violators. It is a question of the structure of fines. Need a special session on fines.

- Stephanie: Field books and engineering vault drawings shall not be used to determine street width. Proposed a Saturday class to educate the committee members and anyone who is interested in how to extract information available on the City websites.
- 6. Discussion and possible motion:**  
Discussion to be delayed until Maureen returns to LA.
- 7. Discussion and possible motion:**
- Stephanie: We should encourage retraining of employees at the City departments to give them tools to verify street width. If the roadway looks tight, a basic investigation is required or a survey to make sure that it is not less than 20 ft.
  - Stella: Hiring a surveyor by an applicant constitutes a conflict of interest. Suggest that LADBS refers applicants to an approved list of 3<sup>rd</sup> party surveyors but surveys to be paid for by the applicants.
  - Stella: Encourage the committee members to take on issues. Will share an updated spreadsheet.
  - Stella: It should be a cap on how much over current limits could be allowed via variances.
  - Gail: How is it possible that repeated offenders such as Niemi and Hadid are still allowed to build.
  - Jarrett: Via LLCs. We need to amend the Hillside Ordinance to require transparency of LLCs as well as street width surveys.
  - Bob S: Completion bond for construction projects.
  - Jarrett: Maybe it has anything to do with a concept of financial hardship. The City's goal is to have projects completed. He can look into it.
  - Stephanie: Typically, bonds are required for projects on the City properties. For private projects it could cause financial hardship.
  - Bob: Maybe to have a threshold to exclude smaller houses.
  - Stella: Financial hardship needs to be proven, not used as a loophole.
  - Per Jarrett's recommendation, develop a list of the most pressing issues, have it approved by the Board and forward to CD5.
  - Motion: Develop the list via email circulated among the members. **Moved** by Gail.; **seconded** by Maureen. **8/0/0 passed** (Shawn stepped out)
- 8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 4 PM**