

Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 3, 2012

Present were:

David Baird, Janet Dodson, Nancy Wyatt, Linda Phelps, Steve Crouch, Nicole Possert, Charlie Fisher, Ross Stephenson, Dave Fonseca, Nate Hayward, Roger Phelps

Dec 6, 2011 meeting minutes were approved

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion: New ENS listings in Garvanza and Highland Park

Two properties were discussed. One at 342 N Ave 59 is a well maintained cottage, with no visible repairs needed. However 5425 E Marmion Way is fenced and boarded with heavy graffiti. Steve Crouch will investigate and see if he can discover what are the plans for the house.

2. Discussion: Ross Stephenson new owner of the Hermosillo Club on York Blvd.

He has bought the building, and is planning to have a beer and wine bar with perhaps some food items, as there is no kitchen. He may invite a food truck onto the parking lot. He plans not to alter the building, and keep most of the signage.

He plans to call it simply The Hermosillo, and perhaps leave off the Club part so as not to suggest a club atmosphere. He is particularly interested in local microbreweries. He is not asking for any variances, and plans to stay within the parameters of his existing liquor license.

3. Discussion: York Blvd. Survey status report

The survey is almost complete, there are a few photos still to be entered. Tina has been most especially helpful in finishing the process. It will be given to Survey LA, to be included in their process, and will be certified along with their other surveys. But it may be registered as an interim survey, and be a useful tool as such.

The collection of business owners' names and addresses has not been done. Charlie found several properties which may be useful to pursue as local monuments. But the larger question of how to encourage development of York Blvd and support the businesses beginning to grow, without losing the unique character of the neighborhood, and preventing uncontrolled development is only begun with the survey. Next month Janet will undertake to find large maps of the parcels, and the Committee will cut and tape them together. assembling a large map of the entire Blvd. and mark the possible monuments, and existing valuable properties.

4. New business

Discussion about the new buyer of the Verdugo Pet Store and its development, an example of why the Blvd needs some kind of plan for protection.

5. Adjournment