Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
Land Use and Planning Committee (minutes)
Dec. 7th, 2006
The River Center

I. Start at 7:15
II. Present: Daniel Marlos, Dana Agens, Alexia Teran, Rourk Reagan, Gustavo Lizarde, Susan Rocha, Danny Rocha, Belen Eller, Marcus Gutierez, and Helene Schpak
III. Approval of Minutes. Daniel Marlos mentions that a clarification needs to be made on item 4 for committee member re-affirmations. (Add Bld. & Safety Inspectors to 2 inspectors and fix typos)
   a. Gus makes a motion to approve Oct. minutes with changes, Daniel seconds, all approve
   b. Alexia makes a motion to approve Nov. minutes, Daniel seconds all approve.
IV. Gus gives a report on recent events:
   a. A public hearing was given at Ramona Hall on Dec. 12th, 4:30 PM for the rezoning of the Fletcher Square Gold Line area. That Reyes is pushing for more commercial mixed use. Planning is extending the deadline for the hearing because of poor outreach to the community. Currently the area mentioned is only commercial and planning would like to have it changed to R-3.
   b. Marcus makes it known that he is seriously concerned about having more housing in our community. That it is all for the developers and that we need to do something about. He says that we should not believe that it is going to be mixed use, that it will end up being housing with very little commercial. He is gravely concerned about the development with McCormick Barron and Salazar at Taylor Yard as well, and that we should fight this.
   c. Helene would like to know why the public hearing was held when people work.
   d. Marcus recommends going to the LA Times to get reporters to do a story about this.
   e. Dana mentions that the area needs to improve
   f. Belen mentions that the Paseo in Pasadena would be a good example of what our community could use.
   g. Marcus and Alexia give an example of the history of linkage areas in our community.

V. Letter for Crosswalk at Loreto and Figueroa, signals on Cypress and the Home Depot
   a. Gus asks to have a letter from the education committee for the crosswalk as well.
   b. Gus makes a motion to accept the letter and have it sent off, Alexia seconds, all in favor.
   c. Alexia makes a motion to accept the letter for the signals on Cypress, Belen seconds, all in favor
   d. Rourk makes a motion to approve the Home Depot Letter with Daniels corrections, Alexia seconds, all approve.
   e. The letter or the signal on Division and San Fernando has not been written yet.
   f. The committee asks Marcus if he would write a letter to DOT to ask about traffic flow and about the controller for the traffic signal.

VI. Daniel Marlos ad-hoc committee for Burnell
   A lot of activity has been going on along Burnell. A fence has been erected on the first of 4 lots. He has contacted the MWHA to help out. Dan Wright of the MWHA asked for a stop work order due to not notifying the residents, applying for permits piece meal etc... So there are fraudulent charges against Zenon the developer. An MND was done; we have till Monday to comment about this. Daniel sent letters to city officials asking for early notification for anything along Burnell.
   a. Daniel asks about how not to have a Zone change?
   b. Helene says that a ZA can make a zone change anytime they want. Helene then gives an overview for issues with the specific plan and the hillside communities.
   c. Daniel mentions that the developers have cut down trees. He has met with Anita at Environmental Review. 1657 Burnell has no file for a tree permit. Everyone needs to send of letters before Monday. Jessica Wethington-McClean for CD14 is working with the residents to see what can be done.
   d. Marcus mentions that he should go to city hall during public comment and try other avenues.
   e. That maybe there could be possible litigation.

VII. Helene, Walkabout

a. Gives a background on the CDO. That she was a member of the original CACC group
b. A Walkabout is a survey on where we walk sidewalk, public transportation, streets, etc... This allows us to see who we are as a community and what we have in our community.
c. CD13 and CD14 are behind this
d. Has the backing of the Latino Urban Forum and James Rojas
e. We want everyone to be involved and that we are at the initial stage right now.
f. Training will be done with a core group.
g. Gus has talked to Guadalupe at Reyes' office, and thinks it is important to get Cypress Park involved. Reyes' office is setting up guidelines to rezone the area and has a CDO, Guadalupe is concerned that the CDO and how it could be effected by the Walkabout.
h. End of presentation

VIII. Adjourn