

Lincoln Blvd. Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2012

Time: 1 PM

Location: Nina's House, 730 Kensington

Attendance

Bob Taylor

Conor Libby

David Tann

Gloria Garvin

Jim Lawson

Nina Fresco

Roger Swanson

Zina Josephs

Topics Discussed

May 7 OPA/FOSP Meeting

It was decided to not have City Staff attend the meeting to discuss the timeline and other issues related to Lincoln. We decided that it was premature to have Staff attend a public forum at this preliminary stage; instead it was felt it would be more productive to work with Staff one-on-one to understand potential limits and legal issues that may limit options.

Instead, we will gather information from key staff in Public Works, Planning, Big Blue Bus and Code Enforcement regarding timelines for repaving, bus lanes, and overall project activity envisioned under the Caltrans grant.

Code enforcement discussions will include how Signs 2000 is being enforced, as well as, how any landscaping or parkway maintenance violations are being addressed.

The Lincoln Committee agenda for the May 7 will include presentations by various members of the Committee, as follows:

- Charter – Roger
 - See next topic
- Membership – Roger
 - Discuss current members
 - Solicit new members with a sign in sheet
- Relationship with FOSP and Borderline – Zina and David
 - Instead of a single Chair person it was suggested having Co-Chairs for FOSP, Borderline and OPA
 - Co-Chairs, along with other Committee members, could become an Executive committee

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- Presentation could alternate between the regular OPA and FOSP monthly meetings
- Future involvement of LA City and its Venice Neighborhood Council are undefined at this time
- Near-term and long-term objectives – Subcommittee Chairs
- Schedule of key milestones – TBD
- Actions to be requested from respective OPA/FOSP Boards - TBD

Lincoln Blvd. Committee Charter/Vision Statement

After much discussion the following was identified as our Committee Vision:

Harness a local, grass-roots effort, using the talents of our community, including artistic, cultural, architectural, and financial expertise, to transform Lincoln Blvd. into an attractive neighborhood-serving street that reflects the needs and desires of our neighborhoods.

Subcommittees

In order to involve others and to spread the workload, the following grouping and tentative assignments were discussed:

- Community survey (gather resident, business and other stakeholder input) – Bob, Conor, David and Gloria
 - Business outreach (survey solicitation)
 - Business Improvement Association (TBD)
- Streetscape – Nina, Gloria and Paul
 - Landscaping
 - Medians
 - Trees (currently Urban Forest designation: Liquid Amber and Tristania)
 - Lighting
 - Public art
 - Gateway arch at Santa Monica border (similar to one on Wilshire, or other designs) and other commissioned art
 - Signage
 - Bike racks and bus benches
 - Underground utilities
- LUCE/Zoning/Parking (requirements, shared facilities) – Bob, Zina and Conor
 - Planning calendar
 - Zoning (LUCE designation as “Commercial”; preferred Neighborhood Serving)
 - Parking (relaxation of parking requirements for local serving restaurants)
 - Discourage/consolidate auto serving businesses
 - On-line alerts (Conor)

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- Code Enforcement – Roger and David
 - Signs 2000 (pole and roof signs, abandoned signs)
 - Landscaping and parkway maintenance, including trash can service
- Transportation and pedestrians – Jim and Conor
 - Traffic mitigation (volume and drive-ins blocking traffic)
 - Bus lane
 - Counter-flow middle lane versus medians
 - Bike lanes/routes
 - Pedestrian
 - Sidewalks/curbs
 - Cross walks
- Film (illustrating the current and potential vision of the future) – Michael, Gloria and Paul
- OPA website tab (minutes, reports, etc.) – Roger
- City Hall Liaison – TBD

Future Agenda

TBD