



## Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC)



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### LAND USE COMMITTEE AGENDA MEETING

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:30 PM  
Canoga Park Community Centre  
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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order- John Parker, Chair
2. Roll Call (Quorum Call)
3. Public Comments (On matters within the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council Committee)  
\*Speaker Cards: 2 minutes
4. Discussion/Possible Recommendation for a request for CUB-Conditional Use Beverage-Alcohol Permit for the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site and Off-Site Consumption in conjunction with a microbrewery at the following location: 8951 North De Soto Ave. 91304. Case Number: ENV-2017-2683-EAF. Applicant: Bryan Olson
5. Discussion/Possible Recommendation for a request for a CU-Conditional Use to permit Used Automotive Sales with On-site repairs and associated activities, reduced transparency, 7AM-9:30 PM Hours of Operation at the following address: 21300 W Roscoe Blvd. 91304. Case Number: ENV- ZA-2017-2786-CU Applicant: Susan Steinberg.
6. Discussion/Possible Recommendation to approve a letter from the CPNC to be sent to the Mayor's Office, all Planning Department **Work Group** and request that all meet
7. ings about **General Plan** and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; invite a representative from each Neighborhood Alliance; and in the case of the Open Space Work Group meetings, three of which were completed in closed-door sessions, three additional Open Space meetings be held that follow the prescription in this paragraph (See Sample Letter attached)
8. Working Discussion to draft a CPNC Letter to Westfield following their visit and presentation of Promenade 2035 at the previous CPNC Land Use Meeting.
9. Discussion/Recommendation of the Creation of a Sub-Committee to address the update of the Canoga Park Community Plan.
10. Next CPNC Land Use Meeting: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 PM
1. Adjournment

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Planning Director Bertoni and City Council Member (*name*):

The city has since February been working on plans behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the **General Plan**, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils later on.

Yet as you, Mayor Garcetti, said in response to Measure S and broad criticism of the non-transparent, broken planning system at City Hall, residents must have "a sense of ownership over the development of our communities." And as City Councilman Jose Huizar, chair of PLUM, pledged, City Hall will now act to bring "accountability and transparency back into our **General Plan and Community Plan** processes."

**We agree.** That is why we are joining several other Neighborhood Councils who have formally asked that all closed meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the **L.A. General Plan** be fully transparent, more inclusive, and open to the public now.

We're pleased that the fourth **Work Group Meeting on the Open Space Element** was opened to public discourse in June — thanks to several letters written to you from Neighborhood Councils.

*But these NCs reasonably sought more involvement than a single meeting.* We add our voices to theirs. Most residents and environmental stakeholders cannot attend meetings set for the convenience of City Planners at 2 to 4 p.m. downtown.

Moreover, the "chapters" published at OurLA2040.org describing the Open Space Element and the Conservation Element are woefully inadequate, failing to address crucial issues and forward-thinking new Elements. **One omission is an Urban Forest Element that pursues the need to recreate and save our fast-vanishing urban tree canopy, crucial to fighting GHG emissions and creating livable communities.**

Moreover, we understand that a developer consultant sat on the Work Group Meeting for the Open Space Element of the General Plan, and is being described by Planning as an "open space expert."

These are the many kinds of problems that fan distrust of City Planning and the debate over how to fix it - - problems created when the City reverts to closed-door meetings and selective choosing of who the experts should be, as it has so far this year.

In that vein, the mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan should also be as of now. Key strategies for planning, shaping and reshaping Los Angeles are unfolding in these closed meetings.

Best practices demand that you, Mayor Garcetti, immediately adopt a ground-up process for your Task Force and your Steering Committee, open to the public like the Measure HHH Citizens and Administrative Advisory Committees and the Measure H Work Group meetings were: including independent experts and thinkers, warts and all.

Attached is a motion our Neighborhood Council approved, urging the above actions.

Sincerely, xxxxx