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UNNC Planning and Zoning Committee

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

NOTE: Due to the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, and in conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29 -20 (March 17, 2020), UNNC will be conducting this meeting virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. You have the option of attending via the internet or by telephone. Thank you for your patience – we are all still learning how to use this new technology. Questions? Email President@unnc.org.

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Agenda Packet link with meeting presentation materials here:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: *As is usual for UNNC meetings, Stakeholders are invited to participate. However, please do “mute” yourself throughout the meeting, whether you are joining the meeting by internet or telephone. When an individual wishes to address the Standing Committee, the Chair or the Moderator will unmute the line, whether it is during the public comment section on the agenda, or prior to the Committee taking action on any agenda items. All other rules to public comments still apply. Please see expanded information regarding public comments and other virtual meeting protocols at the end of this agenda.*

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AGENDA

- 1). Welcome & Call to Order; Introductions; Approval of the Agenda
- 2). Public Comments (1-2 minutes per speaker)
- 3). **All About ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units):** A presentation and discussion of ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units,) state and city ordinances and regulations, and their implementation (Ordinance 186481, Government Code section 65852.2ADUs), with Guest Speaker Kevin Ford, KFA Los Angeles Architecture.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are an important way to increase the number of housing opportunities citywide. At this meeting, we will discuss the City's current ADU ordinance, the 2020 Zoning Administrator's Implementation memorandum (which includes charts), a new standard ADU plan initiative, and issues regarding implementation with specific plans, especially HPOZs.

ADUs currently account for 22% of newly-approved housing units in the city. Urbanize Los Angeles reports that, "*Since 2017, nearly 20,000 applications for new ADUs have been submitted to the city, following the adoption of a new state which relaxed local regulations on new backyard homes and garage conversions. According to the Planning Department's Housing Progress Dashboard, the City has approved over 14,000 of those applications, with approximately 7,700 receiving certificates of occupancy.*" (see full article here: <https://urbanize.city/la/post/la-hopes-speed-adu-construction-new-standard-plan-program>).

Los Angeles's Building & Safety Dept. also has an initiative offering pre-approved plans that can be permitted and built faster.

However, there are also concerns revolving around design review, development standards and approval procedures within Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs) and other historic districts. (UNNC contains within its footprint four of the City's HPOZs). How can the City best perform its design review responsibility in a way that assures adequate protection for its historic districts, and avoiding adverse impacts, while not creating unreasonable barriers to ADU construction? Following a public hearing on this topic, the City's Cultural Heritage Commission is setting up a subcommittee to look further into this topic. – **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 4). **Follow-up to Previous Cases, ENS, and Old Business -- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Future Meetings: The next scheduled meeting is Wed., April 21, 2021 at 7 p.m., subject to cancellation if no agenda items. (*Standing Committee meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, currently via Zoom.*)

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.



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1-800-855-3000/Spanish

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