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GRANADA HILLS NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Agenda

Wednesday, September 29, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
11139 Woodley Avenue
Granada Hills, California 91344

(Agenda is posted for public review at the GHNNC Office)

Any Agenda Item May Lead to a Motion

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**
3. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion and possible motion regarding whether GHNNC should create a series of community meetings to gather feedback on the development of the City of Los Angeles' General Plan (*See "OurLA2040 Community Conversations" at <http://planning.lacity.org/>*).
 - b. Discussion regarding maintenance/repair issues on the horse trails due to soil erosion.
 - c. Review of the City's proposed Zoning Code Processes (Attachment 1).
4. **Continuing Business:**
 - a. Reconsideration of the Committee's position of SB 231 in light of the August 01, 2017, Board meeting, where no position was taken when the role of the NC is to advise the City and not the State elected officials.
 - b. Discussion and possible motion on the attached "Proposal Regarding the Future Permitting Process for Street Vendors in the City of Los Angeles" (Attachment 2).
 - c. Status report on GHNNC's efforts to garner support for the Neighborhood Council Notification Proposal for Developments (*Brian Allen, Kyle Ellis*).
 - d. Volunteer to attend the PlanCheck October Meeting.
5. **Committee Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items.**
6. **Adjournment.**

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Attachment 1

Processes and Procedures Ordinance

Questions and Answers

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What is the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance?

The Processes and Procedures Ordinance will be the second major part of a larger effort to update the City's Zoning Code; the first part was an ordinance creating new single-family zones that went into effect in March 2017. The proposal will lay the groundwork for a more user-friendly set of guidelines. As a part of the proposed action, the new administrative provisions will go into a new Chapter 1A of the Municipal Code and will apply to both the existing Zoning Code (Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code) and the new one when it goes into effect. Chapter 1A will eventually serve as the only Zoning Code for the City of Los Angeles; however, it will be adopted in phases, replacing the content of Chapter 1 over time, and implementing the policies of Community Plans as they are adopted.

What is the Zoning Code?

The Zoning Code contains the City's land use regulations, which are the rules for what you can build on your property and how you can use your property. The Zoning Code also contains the rules for how you can request relief from certain regulations and what types of land use permits you might need.

What would the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance do?

A key goal of the proposed ordinance is to improve accessibility to the Zoning Code by making it easier to use and understand. By clearly stating the steps in how the Department evaluates development proposals, all stakeholders can identify the decision makers and the opportunities for public participation. The new set of processes and procedures will retain long-standing opportunities for public comment. Currently, there are over 100 different processes scattered throughout the Zoning Code. For example, there are four types of adjustments for projects subject to overlays – an additional layer of design and building standards. While the same process applies to all four types of adjustments, they have different names and are located in different sections of the Zoning Code. The ordinance consolidates redundant workflows and reduces over 100 processes down to about 50 having unique actions.

How would this ordinance affect my property or my project?

The proposed ordinance involves purely administrative provisions and does not change any land use regulations (i.e. the zoning of a property).

What are the next steps? How can I get more information or share my input?

The Planning Department will give a presentation, answer questions, and conduct public hearings on the proposed ordinance at the dates and times listed in the table below.

PLACE: City Hall, Room 1050, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles	PLACE: Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center, Community Room, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles
DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2017	DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2017
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
PLACE: Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Community Rooms 1a & 1b, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Los Angeles	PLACE: Constituent Service Center, Community Conference Room, 8475 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles
DATE: Wednesday, September 20, 2017	DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2017
TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	TIME: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The public hearings will be held to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested persons regarding this project. The hearings will be conducted by a Hearing Officer who will consider oral testimony and any written communication received regarding this proposed Code amendment, as well as the merits of the draft ordinance as it relates to existing regulations. After the hearings, a recommendation report will be prepared for consideration by the City Planning Commission.

The City Planning Commission will consider the Code amendment at a public meeting, and will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Code amendment will then be considered by the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, followed by the full City Council.

Please submit comments or questions to: Bonnie Kim at bonnie.kim@lacity.org, (213) 978-1330. In order to be considered in the report to the City Planning Commission, written comments should be received by September 30, 2017. Comments can also be submitted through MarkUp, a document based feedback system, by visiting <https://recode.la/feedback/markup>. Comments received after September 30, 2017 should be addressed to the City Planning Commission at CPC@lacity.org for its consideration.

Attachment 2

**DRAFT PROPOSAL REGARDING THE FUTURE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR
STREET VENDORS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, on January 06, 2015, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council recommended that the City of Los Angeles should prohibit all street vending within the City limits;

WHEREAS, on March 01, 2016, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council reaffirmed its opposition to street vending, and further resolved that if the City of Los Angeles chose to support street vending then Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council would, in principal, support Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition's conditions on such street vending

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2017, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to decriminalize the act of vending food and products along the streets of the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council now seeks to provide a more definite statement on the conditions under which the community would support a street vending ordinance for the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is one of the most diverse and populous cities in the world, and is comprised of neighborhoods with such substantially different characters and needs that those neighborhoods will desire significantly different types and amounts of street vending;

WHEREAS, each of the ninety-seven Neighborhood Councils recognized by the City of Los Angeles is in the best place to determine what types, amounts, and locations of street vending their own community will be willing to support, able to maintain, cause the least detrimental effects associated with street vending, and be to the most benefit to the community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the following conditions and requirements on the permitting of street vending, and urges the Los Angeles City Council to integrate these suggestions into any ordinance in the City of Los Angeles that establishes a legal framework for permitted street vending:

- 1) Prior to the City issuing a permit, any applicant seeking a permit should be required to submit to a review and obtain an opinion from the Neighborhood Council(s) wherein they seek to engage in vending activities;
- 2) There should be a process for the local Neighborhood Council(s) to be able to recommend to the permitting agency: (a) conditions on the hours of operation, (b) conditions on the location(s) in which the applicant may conduct business within the neighborhood, and (c) conditions on the types of products they may vend;
- 3) Prior to a permit-holder being issued a renewal for an existing permit, the permit-holder should be required to return to the local Neighborhood Council(s) and obtain another opinion under the same conditions as for new applications;

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- 4) There should be different lengths of time that a permit can be valid prior to requiring a renewal depending on whether food it being sold at the location: (a) permits for the sale of non-food (products-only) should be able to be approved for a period of either one-year, two-years, or three-years; and (b) permits for the sale of food and non-food products, or only food, should be renewed every year;
- 5) There should be different categories of permit for street vendors that will primarily sell their food and/or products: (a) at a stationary location, or (b) in a manner that is non-stationary (*i.e.* using handcarts, at multiple temporary locations, using trucks, *et cetera*);
- 6) An applicant seeking a permit for a stationary location should be required to submit a plan that describes: (a) the proposed location of their merchandise, (b) their plan for any deliveries or drop-offs, (c) the proposed locations of any signs, and (d) how their proposed location will permit the free flow of (i) foot traffic, and (ii) automobile traffic;
- 7) Any permits issued for a non-stationary street vendor should specifically delineate the boundaries within which they are permitted to vend;
- 8) No permit for a stationary street vending location should be issued within 100 feet of a single-family residence or a school;
- 9) Non-stationary street vendors should be barred from selling anything (food or products) within 100 feet of a school;
- 10) After obtaining an opinion by the local Neighborhood Council(s), and prior to the issuance of any permit, the agency in charge of the permitting process should review the application for compliance with all relevant laws and deny the applicant if the applicant is not in full compliance;
- 11) The agency in charge of the permitting process should take the opinion of the local Neighborhood Council(s) into consideration when determining whether to grant or deny a permit;
- 12) The City should not set minimums on the number of permits the agency in charge of the permitting process should be required to approve;
- 13) If an applicant seeks a permit with a component that includes the on-site preparation of food, the Department of Health & Safety and the agency in charge of the permitting process should review the application for compliance with all relevant food-handling laws and deny the applicant if the applicant is not in full compliance;

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- 14) Depending on the types of food or products that an applicant seeks to vend, the applicant should be required to demonstrate compliance with any of the following on an as-needed basis: a Food Handling Certificate, FTB Resale License, Los Angeles County Health permit, and compliance with relevant federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations;
- 15) Upon receipt of a permit, the permitted street vendor should be required to openly and visibly post their permit during all hours they are engaged in vending, including setting up and tearing down a stationary location;
- 16) The permit should clearly and visibly list: (a) hours of operation, (b) the location(s) in which they may engage in business, and (c) the types of products they may vend;
- 17) Failure to adhere to the permitting, display, or operational limitations and requirements should lead to incrementally more severe punishments, including but not limited to: (a) impounding of any products on offer by a non-compliant vendor, (b) a fine that can incrementally increase, and (c) up to 6 months in jail for egregious violations or repeated violations by the same person(s).