

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, Environment and Land Use committee meeting,
December 6th, 2006, Atwater Village Library

Chris Coyle, chair, Jeff Gardner, Mary Lou Watkins, Gene Gilbert, Andy Hasroun, David Kenny, Avo Tavitian, Marcello Spina, Christine Anthony

1. Call to order at 6:40pm
2. Minutes for last meeting were discussed but no action was taken
3. There was no old business discussed
- 4a. Wine tasting business proposal for 3111 Glendale Blvd. was presented by Andy Hasroun. He indicated that beer consumption would be limited to twelve ounces per person at the store. Wine would be inventoried upstairs and storage would be located on the lower level. Hours of operation will be from 10:00am to 11:00pm, or less during the week days. Employees will park in the garages downstairs. Mr. Hasroun requested a letter of recommendation from AVNC for his CUB application, and possibly a request for reduced parking requirements. Another tenant in the center, HR Block, is seasonal and will not use required spaces for most of the year. Mr. Hasroun assured the committee that the new sound wall being built at the rear of the parking lot would prevent nearby homes from being affected.
**A motion was made to refer the proposal to the Board and recommend approval. Jeff Gardner/Mary Lou Watkins, second Passed 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention
- 4b. Viet, the owner of the proposed Vietnamese restaurant was not available. This issue was tabled.
- 4c. Architect, and professor of architecture, Marcello Spina presented a futuristic designed loft style housing development proposed for 3234 Casitas Ave. The renderings showed a sloped design that looked more like a pyramid than a box. The design will not tower over any adjacent property. The proposal includes eighty to ninety units ranging from five hundred to several thousand square feet and will conform to the existing forty five foot height limit. Units will be designed for artists and professionals, but would accommodate families. The location is a short walk from Fletcher Drive and Glendale Blvd. as well as Atwater Ave. elementary school. Local resident and investor Dr. Avo Tavitian requested that AVNC issue a letter of support for a density variance on his proposed project.
**A motion was made to refer the proposal to the Board and recommend approval. Mary Lou Watkins /Jeff Gardner, second Passed 9-0
- 4d. Jeff Gardner presented the need for a stop sign at the intersection of San Fernando Road West and Colorado Blvd. near the Ralph's warehouse in northern Atwater Village. The long stretch of road makes it difficult for vehicles to turn onto San Fernando Road and hazardous for pedestrians crossing the street. Chris Anthony presented the need for a new stop sign at the intersection of Brunswick and Vesilich. Many accidents and problems arise at that location due to speeding autos.
**A motion was made to refer the proposal to the Board and recommend approval. Jeff Gardner. Chris Coyle, second Passed 6-0
- 4e. Jeff Gardner presented ideas about clean ups and need for funds by Atwater Village Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch leader Barry Shapiro has requested funding support for items less than five hundred dollars.
**A motion was made to refer the proposal to the Board and recommend approval. Chris Coyle/Jeff Gardner, second Passed 6-0
5. Discussion of several items including the Metrolink memorial and the need for trash can clean up.
6. Adjourned at 7:50pm