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From: **EVNA Venice** <evna.venice@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 1:33 PM

Subject: Council File 21-1495

To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Please note that the City Clerk portal is not accepting a submission for Council File 21-1495.

We have attached it here as to be on the Council File record. We would appreciate if you could share this information with the PLUM committee members.

Sincerely
EVNA

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RE: 1801-1821 S. Penmar Ave. & 1169 E. Palms Blvd - Case No. VTT-82077-SL-HCA and ENV-2020-4774-CE
Case File: 21-1495

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From: EVNA Venice evna.venice@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Case No. ENV-2020-4774-CE (Council File 21-1495) - URGENT
Date: February 11, 2022 at 1:19 PM
To: Jason Douglas jason.p.douglas@lacity.org, Eric Bruins eric.bruins@lacity.org
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Hi Eric and Jason,

Thank you for your time this morning, we think it was very useful for us to clarify our intentions for this project along Penmar Avenue.

Attached is a revised sketch representing what we discussed in regard to the future potential widening of Penmar Avenue at the project site. We understand that the optimal 36-foot roadway is not possible even if the full dedication was to be taken at this property, as only 5-feet were originally requested by BoE.

Taking 2.5 feet dedication on the property along Penmar, in conjunction with reducing the parkway by 2.5 feet, would result in a 33-foot roadway. It is our understanding that the City has no intention of widening the street at this time, but taking this 2.5 feet dedication would allow the City to eventually widen the road and bring it up to 36-foot when the opportunity occurs for taking dedication on the properties across the project site on the East side of Penmar Avenue.

Not taking the dedication along the West side of Penmar now, when the city has the opportunity to do so, precludes any future road improvement on this section of Penmar, as the dedication on the properties on the East side could not make up the difference. Even with the full dedication on the lots on the East side of Penmar alone, the roadway will not be able to the 36-foot standard required for a collector street.

There are examples of properties along Penmar and next to this property on Palms, where the city took the dedication and but did not widen the roadway. However that gives the City the option to widen the road when they deem it advantageous.

Here is an example on Palms Blvd





And here are some examples down the street on Penmar Avenue





What we proposed is similar to what the city has already asked for along the Palms Blvd side of this project, in that case, by means of combining the dedication and easement. Along Palms Blvd, the City is requiring 0.25-foot dedication and a 2.75-foot public sidewalk easement with a new sidewalk. Unit A5, fronting Palms Blvd, footprint shows a current front yard setback of 4'-7" from the PL (shown on the attached site plan sketch).

BoE specific condition #2 moves the PL by 3", the resultant setback from unit A5 becomes 4'-4". Per BoE specific condition #2a and #2b the new sidewalk would be located at 1'-7" from the existing Unit A5 building wall facing Palms Blvd.

What we suggest for Penmar Avenue, is similar yet slightly different, as we believe that an actual dedication gives the City the best options for future improvements. So along Penmar, if we were to take a 2.5-foot dedication and move the 5-foot sidewalk by 2.5 feet, that would create a larger parkway that could be reduced as necessary in the future.

The current side yard setback of Unit A1-A4 is 3'-2".

Our suggestion would result in a reduction of side yard, from 3'-2" to 9". We understand that this is slightly less optimal than what the City has requested for Palms Blvd, where the new sidewalk will be located at 1'-7" from the building, but Penmar Avenue has a bigger dedication (5-foot vs 3-foot) and a current much narrower roadway.

BoE specific condition #2 (see attached Determination Letter) reads:

2. *That a **0.25-foot wide strip of land be dedicated along Palms Boulevard** adjoining the subdivision and a suitable radius property line return at the intersection of Penmar Boulevard.*

a. *That a **2.75-foot public sidewalk easement be provided along Palms Boulevard** adjoining the subdivision including suitable radius easement line returns at the intersection with Penmar Avenue.*

b. ***Construct and maintain a new 2.75-foot-wide concrete sidewalk within the property along the Palms Boulevard property line** in conformance with Exhibit A. The sidewalk shall be designed and maintained in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). No change to the sidewalk design will be made without prior review by the Department of City Planning, Expedited Processing Section, and written approval by the Director of Planning.*

c. *Improve Palms Boulevard adjoining the subdivision by the removal of the existing sidewalk and construction of a new 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk and landscaping of the parkway or a new full width concrete sidewalk (including in the easement areas) with tree wells; the construction of new concrete curb and gutter and any necessary removal and reconstruction of existing improvements.*

Please let us know if you can support our position at the PLUM hearing next Tuesday at 2pm, and additionally please contact us if you have any further questions.

Thank you
EVNA

