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Los Angeles City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee
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Ms. Emma Howard, Senior Planning Deputy for Councilmember David Ryu (emma.howard@lacity.org)

Follow-up to PLUM Meeting of April 17, 2018 (Agenda Item 7)
Re: New Zoning for Brookside

Gentlemen and Ms Howard:

I am submitting this letter to the City Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee (City Council File # 16-1470-S2) and to Emma Howard, Councilmember Ryu's Senior Planning Deputy, because I do not wish to leave unanswered statements by other speakers that I was untruthful in my comments to the PLUM Committee at its April 17, 2018 meeting.

At that meeting, held to secure Committee action on the Planning Commission's proposal to split the Brookside neighborhood into two different R1 Variation zones, I was one of the people who offered comments. The last point I made was that I'd become aware that relatively few neighbors knew about the proposed split plan for Brookside. I further stated that such a plan had never been mentioned by Planning Department personnel at any neighborhood meeting.

For some reason, my statement was attacked by several subsequent speakers who said that it was untrue, and that neighborhood meetings had been held for months on the various R1 Variation zones.

I did not say that there had been no neighborhood meetings. I attended the two meetings held by the Planning Department, both at the Pan Pacific Auditorium. One was on November 14, 2017; the other was on December 19, 2017. I did not say that the R1 Variation zones had not been discussed at those meetings. They were.

What I said before the PLUM Committee was that at no neighborhood meeting did Planning Department personnel mention any plan to split Brookside. (I have documentation concerning these meetings should anyone wish to see it.) The split plan idea arose at a later date from the Planning Department and was presented to the Planning Commission at its February 8, 2018 hearing.

I stand by my statement to the PLUM Committee about neighborhood meetings and the split plan for Brookside. That plan was the subject of my statement because it was, after all, the subject of the proposal before the PLUM Committee.

Sincerely,

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Re: Follow-up - City Council PLUM Committtee Meeting - April 17, 2018 (City Council File # 16-1470-S2)

Jan Wieringa

Apr 19, 2018 9:02 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

Rosanne,

Thanks for sending your letter though I'm a little confused by all of the back and forth attacks in general and I was disheartened by the attacks on me personally at the PLUM meeting on Tuesday. I think those remarks about me being a "rogue leader" were uncalled for.

I love Brookside and I have enjoyed living in the community for 25 years and I would like to protect the charm and mixed character of this lovely community for many years to come. That is what motivates me personally.

I think it's important to state my personal position on the zoning issue going forward to avoid further confusion and attacks.

Feel free to forward this to anyone in the Brookside community.

As you well know I have been an active supporter of an HPOZ for Brookside for many years and I worked very hard to try to make it happen. But with the ICO expiring in July it was imperative that a new zoning ordinance be put in place when the ICO expired and it was clear that the HPOZ would not be enacted by the end of July.

Councilman Ryu's office started the zoning process and as I recall their first recommendation for Brookside was R3 for the entire neighborhood.

I too was hoping for R3 zoning for the entire community of Brookside but there were other homeowners who were advocating for V3.

I recall that a suggestion was made at the Planning meeting that the Planning Dept. should examine the Brookside neighborhood mix of houses and consider a split zoning approach as a workable compromise. That was not my suggestion btw and yesterday at the PLUM meeting some folks seemed to think I personally made that recommendation and I did not.

The Planning Dept. professional staff spent many weeks researching the neighborhood and the conclusion they came away with was that a split zoning ordinance would work best in Brookside to preserve the mix of smaller one story home and larger 2 story homes.

After attending those followup meetings I became convinced by Planning that the best approach to protecting the mix of houses in Brookside was in fact a split zoning ordinance. This would protect those in the smaller homes but give more flexibility to those in the bigger homes which seemed quite fair and reasonable to me.

I think those of us who support R3 for the smaller one story homes hope to prevent more teardowns like the many that have already happened on Mullen and Muirfield. Once a house is torn down the history is gone and usually a big box goes up maxing out the lot etc. That is what is happening all around me on Mullen and Muirfield and with very mixed results. Mullen in particular has lost much

of it's charm due to new 2 story boxes that have been built where once there was a charming one story home.

Though I originally wanted R3 for all of Brookside I was convinced by the Planning Department's research that the very best compromise would be split zoning for Brookside. I remain convinced that the split zoning approach is still the best compromise for Brookside. I respect your pov and I hope that you will respect my going forward.

I am not especially motivated by the value of my own home per se but I understand that many people are—instead I am motivated by the desire to retain the character and “livability” of Brookside for generations to come. I tend to believe that the value of my home will correspond directly to the “value” of the neighborhood as a whole and to me that includes preservation.

Thanks for your consideration of my point of view.

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-Rosanne