



Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa

NCWP Board Agenda

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Meeting Date, Time and Location:

Tuesday, July 1, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Council Community Room

7166 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance -- David Coffin
- C. Appointment of Jack Topal to fill vacant At-large Board Seat
- D. Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2008 Board meeting
- E. Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
- F. Representative Reports (limit to 3 minutes please):
 - 1. Deanna Stevenson, Interim DONE Project Coordinator
 - 2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl
 - 3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison
 - 4. Stephen.Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office
 - 5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu
 - 6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price
 - 7. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman
 - 8. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters
- G. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)
 - 1. Neighborhood Council Self Assessment (Stronks)
 - 2. Update on NCWP Community Event and Volunteer assignments

(Taylor/Buchanan)

- H. Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agendized items limited to 2 minutes)

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stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)

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1. Motion to renew fiscal year 2007-2008 funding in connection with the previously approved motion to spend up to \$15,000 for repairs and for the Los Angeles Fire Stations in the NCWP area, i.e., Stations 5, 67 95 (Hench)
 2. Motion to approve \$2,500 as partial funding for a tractor by Westchester Babe Ruth to be used to maintain the facilities in a safe condition. This is the balance of funds previously approved by the NCWP but not funded the previous fiscal year (Hench)
 3. Motion to support the application of Chalet Edelweiss for a conditional use Alcohol (CUP) and prepare an appropriate letter thereon (Ferro)
 4. Motion to support and endorse a governance model for member schools of LMU family of schools based on that of the Palisades Charter High School which equal numbers of seats are allocated to teachers, parents of current students and community members who live or work within the geographic boundaries of the school (Marcellus)

I. Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin
2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hench (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**)
3. Bylaws - David Voss
4. Communications - David Coffin
5. Education - Terry Marcellus
6. Elections - David Coffin
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen
3. Community Design Overlay - Bill Ballerini
4. Entrada - Bill Ballerini

City/Neighborhood Council Committees

1. LANC Congress - Robert Dalton/Judith Ciancimino (alt.)
2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.)
3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench
4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.)
5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss
6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster

J. President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input
2. Committee assignments
3. Standing Committee scheduled meetings

K. Other Items:

1. Conflict of Interest On-line Training: www.lacityneighborhoods.com and www.done.ethicstraining@lacity.org
2. Neighborhood Empowerment Academy workshops: www.lacityneighborhoods.com/empowerment_academy.htm

L. Announcements:

1. BONC meetings now held on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. of the month
2. Next NCWP Board meeting: August 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Other announcements

M. Adjournment

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The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey Board of Directors' Meeting – June 3, 2008

Present: Mike Arias, William Ballerini, Sibyl Buchanan, Judith Ciancimino, David Coffin, Steve Donell, Doug Ehlers, James Ferro, Tom Flintoft, David Gray, Clarence Griffin, Terry Issac, Cyndi Hench, Patricia Lyon, Terry Marcellus, Nora MacLellan, Nancy Niles, John Ruhlen, Kathy Bartlow-Santos, Denny Schneider, Frances Stronks, Mary Taylor, David Voss and John David Webster.

Excused: Stephen Bentley, Don Doyle, Geoff Maleman and John Ramey.

Absent: Robert Dalton and Richard Nelsen.

Item A. Call to Order – Mike Arias, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:40PM

Item B. Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Marcellus

Item C. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2008 Board meeting – Jim Ferro made a Motion to approve the Minutes as distributed. David Grey seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Item D. Public Comment - non-agenda items (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

Raymond Yu – Sunday June 8th West Hollywood will host the 38th annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and Street Festival

Bill Hendricks – Westchester Resident – regarding LMU's expansion plans, stated that the previous Conditional Use Permits must be adhered to.

Ron Marks – Westchester Resident – regarding DWP problems with power grids/water conservation. Why does LMU get to overbuild when this area is overbuilt already and the Q Conditions have not been lived up to by LMU regarding parking, noise, off campus housing, etc. We need to look at these factors when considering the impact on the neighborhood. The NC should not rubberstamp a project for a builder who is not living up to their previous commitments.

Avram Aelony – Westchester Resident – regarding the proposed "drive-thru" Chevron Station and Starbucks at Manchester and La Tijera, there must be some public comment on this because the noise, crime, etc already exist and these issues must be addressed, especially as this project will decrease our property values.

Diane Sher – Westchester Resident – regarding oil fields proposed in the LA area. More investigation must take place.

Gus Siamus – Westchester Resident – regarding LAX expansion taking out local schools and eminent domain it seems odd that so many people are on the board and not in audience. Why has the density increased and not the infrastructure. LAX commission is a hoax.

Mr. Ratkovic – Playa del Rey resident – the Board should all resign. Traffic issues are unbelievable and the Board is not doing anything at all.

Clarence Griffin – LMU representative – LUM actually can transfer its solar electricity to local uses. We use grey water for landscaping use and our landscaping is drought tolerant. Please come to scoping meeting on 6.11 4-9PM at LMU.

Item E. Representative Reports (limit to 3 minutes please):

1. Deanna Stevenson, Interim DONE Project Coordinator – not available.
2. Jim Kennedy, Field Deputy/Councilman Bill Rosendahl – LMU scoping meetings are being planned. A public hearing regarding the Housing Element is planned for 6.12 from 8:30AM – 11:30AM at Van Nuys City Hall
3. Chad Molnar, LAX - Community Liaison – the new weekly office hours in Westchester will be announced soon. Date in July will be set for the second public workshop for LAX Northside. He NASA study of LAX should be available by May 2009. The contract for runway status lights has been awarded.
4. Stephen.Cheung, Area Field Representative/Mayor's Office – the Mayor is asking for assistance in identifying the areas most affected by foreclosures. The Mayor is signing the new City budget tomorrow, June 4, at City Council. It will be available on the City's website.
5. Stephanie Molen, Field Representative - Assemblymember Ted Lieu – a report was given.
6. Rebecca Bernal, Field Representative - Assemblymember Curren Price – a flyer listing June events was distributed.
7. Jessica Duboff, Field Representative/Congresswoman Jane Harman – not available
8. Edgar Saenz, Field Representative/Congresswoman Maxine Waters – the Congresswoman will be hosting town halls to help people who are in danger of foreclosure.

Item F. Presentations: (limited to 5 minutes unless prior approval for additional time given)

1. NCWP Community Event Update and Volunteer assignments (Arias/Taylor/Buchanan) – this event is planned for July 4th at Westchester Park after the parade. Stars of the Neighborhood Awards will be presented. Volunteers are needed for the picnic.

Item G. Motions/Actions Items: (Public comment on agenda items limited to 2 minutes)

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1. Motion to approve reimbursement of Board member expenditures (Hench) – Cyndi Hench made a Motion to reimburse Frances Stronks up to \$103 for expenses. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. Matters transferred from the Discussion Calendar

Discussion Calendar: *(These items will be discussed and acted upon separately unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be transferred to the Consent Calendar.)*

1. Motion to approve NCWP budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 (Hench) – a report was distributed. Cyndi Hench made a Motion to approve the 2008/2009 Budget. Denny Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to approve funding pursuant to the request from the Westchester BID for tree lighting on Sepulveda Blvd. in the Central Business District in an amount to be determined by the NC Budget and Finance Committee (Ferro) tabled to another meeting.

Item H. Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

1. Airport Relations - David Voss/David Coffin – nothing new to report.
2. Budget & Finance - Cyndi Hench (**Approval of Treasurer's Report**) – a report was distributed. Cyndi Hench made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. JD Webster seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. Bylaws - David Voss – no report was given.
4. Communications - David Coffin - the website should be updated by a professional; David is accepting bids.
5. Education - Terry Marcellus – a report was given.
6. Elections - David Coffin - all board members will serve until 2010 at which time the City Clerk will take over all NC elections.
7. Governmental Affairs/City Services - John Ramey – no report
8. Membership/Marketing - Sibyl Buchanan – the newsletter was distributed.
9. Planning & Land Use - James Ferro – a report was given. The next meeting will be 6.24 @ 6PM in the Playa Vista Library.
10. Public Safety - Doug Ehlers – resigning as chair in favor of Cyndi Hench. A report was given.

Ad Hoc Committees

1. Lincoln Streetscape - Stephen Bentley – no report was given
2. Sepulveda Streetscape - John Ruhlen – the Westside will be finished in two weeks; the east side remodel will begin on July 1. Dedication of new welcome sign 6.19 @11:30AM; it will include a

plaque for Shirley Pfeil, Miss. Westchester and the originator of the first "Welcome to Westchester" sign. The construction is, hopefully, going to be finished by before Thanksgiving.

3. Community Design Overlay - Bill Ballerini – Lower Playa del Rey – tool to control redevelopment is being discussed in an effort to protect historic PdR. The next meeting will be in July; date and time to be announced.

4. Entrada - Bill Ballerini – a law suit, brought by the Westchester Neighbors, is pending.

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2. City Planning Task Force - David Gray; James Ferro (alt.) – no report was given.

3. NC Alliance - Cyndi Hench – no report was given.

4. Mayor's Budget Day - Denny Schneider/Bill Ballerini (alt.) – the 2008/2009 Budget is being signed tomorrow at City Council, however discussions will continue.

5. City Attorney Legal Liaison - David Voss – no report was given.

6. LADWP MOU - John-David Webster – a report was given.

Item I. President's Discussion Items or Comments

1. Vacant Board seat – received no applications yet.

2. Neighborhood Council Self Assessment (Stronks) – Forms were distributed and the Board and attendees were asked to complete them and return them by the July 1, meeting.

3. Policies and Procedures Handbook status and input – no report – a committee consisting of David Coffin, JD Webster, Cyndi Hench, Clarence Griffin and Geoff Maleman was formed.

4. Committee assignments – Terry Marcellus Education Committee reported that Laurie Ferro had to resign from the committee. Terry nominated Jan Landon, a teacher at Orville Wright MS and Lisa Marlin as stakeholder members of the committee. Tom Flintoft seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Standing Committee scheduled meetings – some committees are not meeting on a regular basis and the stakeholders want a more standardized meeting schedule. We need to be more accessible to the stakeholders by holding regularly scheduled meetings.

6. Playa del Rey issues – PdR residents feel that we don't adequately represent all of Westchester/Playa, only Westchester. We need to be more informed and active on PdR issues.

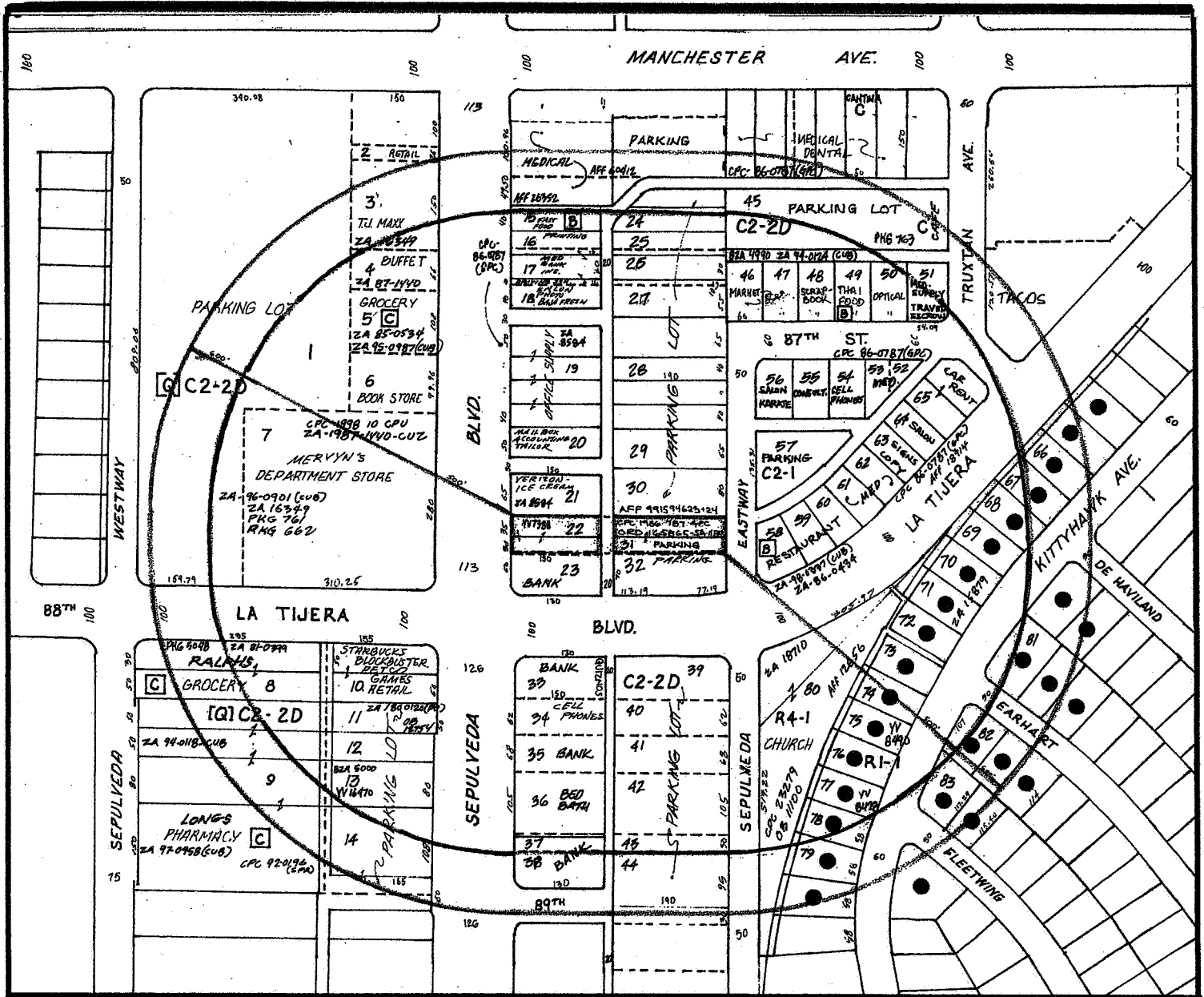
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3. Luna Family Tragedy (Issac) – a fund to assist this family who lost 3 children in an accident has been set up at Bank of America. A flyer was distributed.
4. Other announcements -

Item L. Adjournment 9:15PM



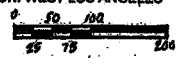
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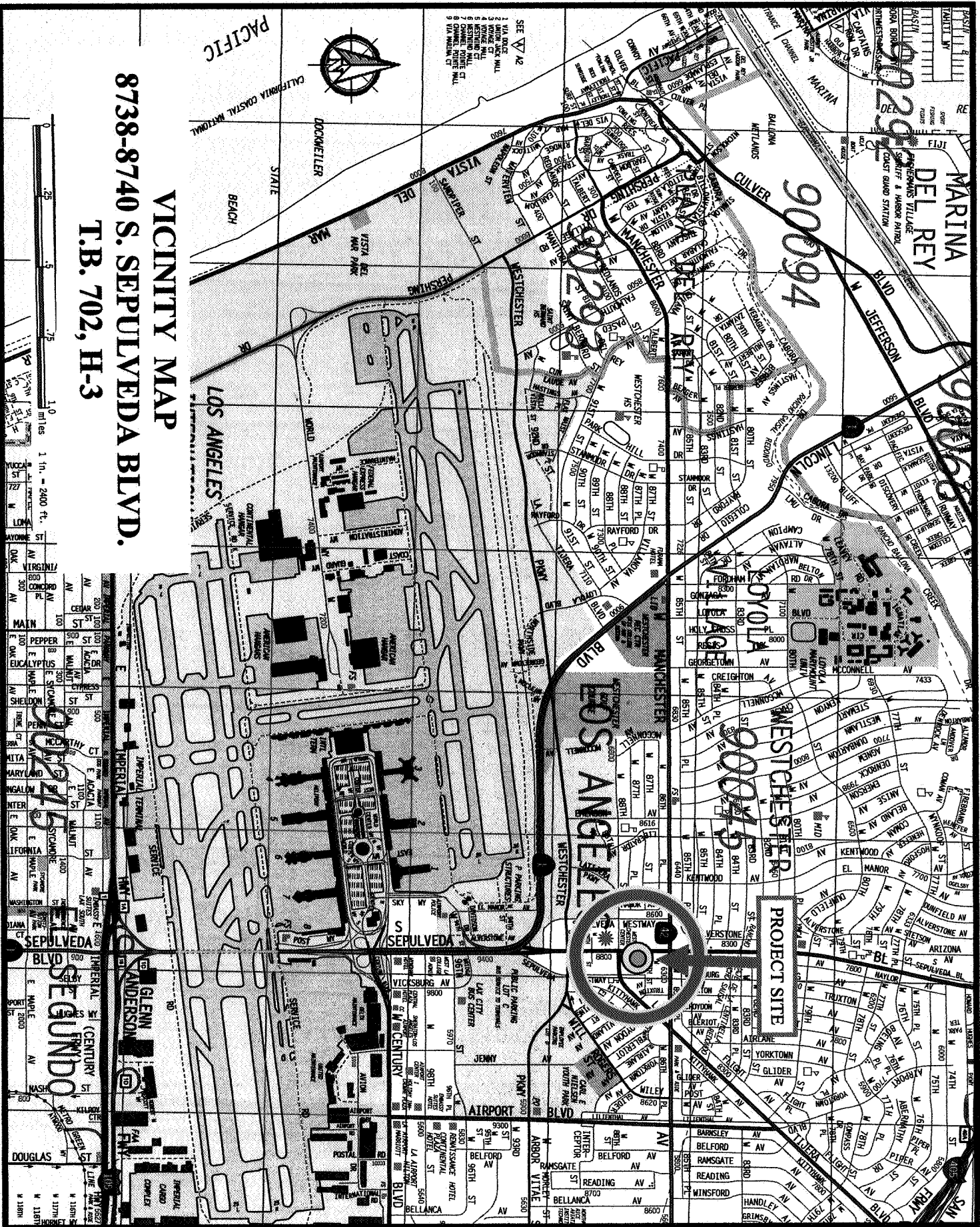
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CHALET EDELWEISS
 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON-SITE
 CADASTRAL MAP 086 B-165
 T.B. 702 G-3
 COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY
 AREA PLANNING COMMISSION: WEST LOS ANGELES
 CD 11: BILL ROSENDAHL
 A.P.N.: 4123-002-005

JANUARY 29, 2008
 JANELLE WILLIAMS, PROJECT REP.
 WILLIAMS LAND USE SERVICES 818-542-4109

51 NET ACRES INCLUDING PARKING

- Land Use Data and Symbols:
- C On-site consumption of full size alcoholic beverages.
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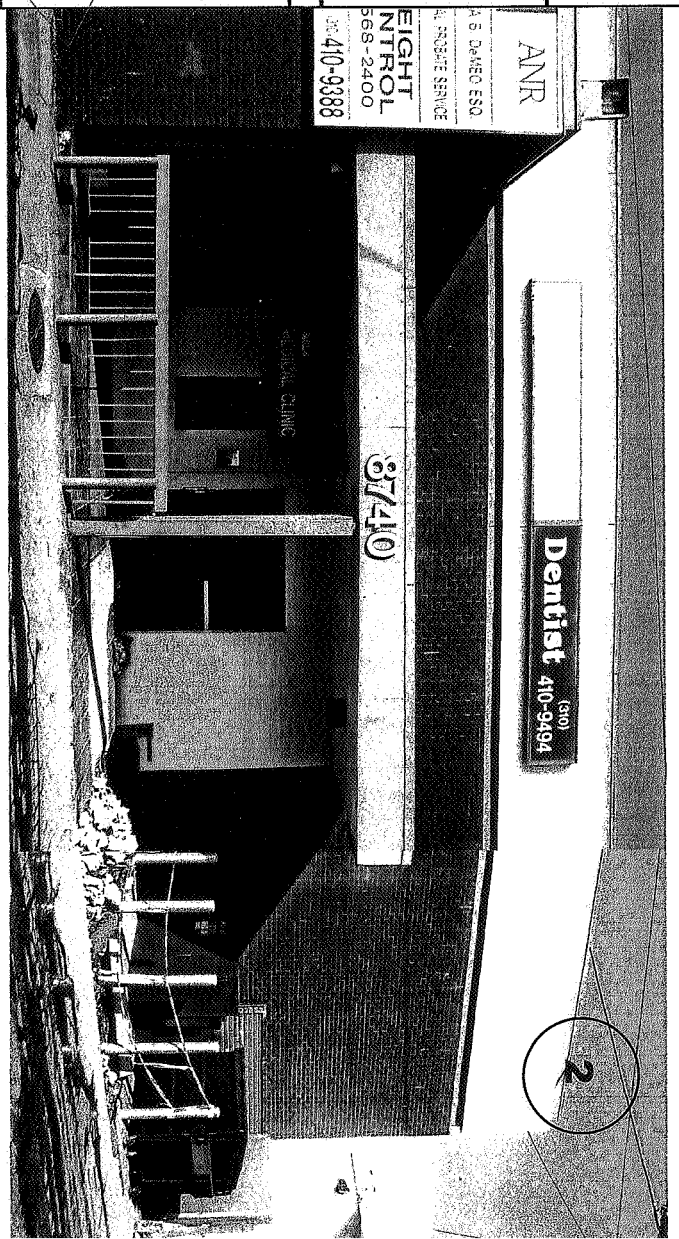
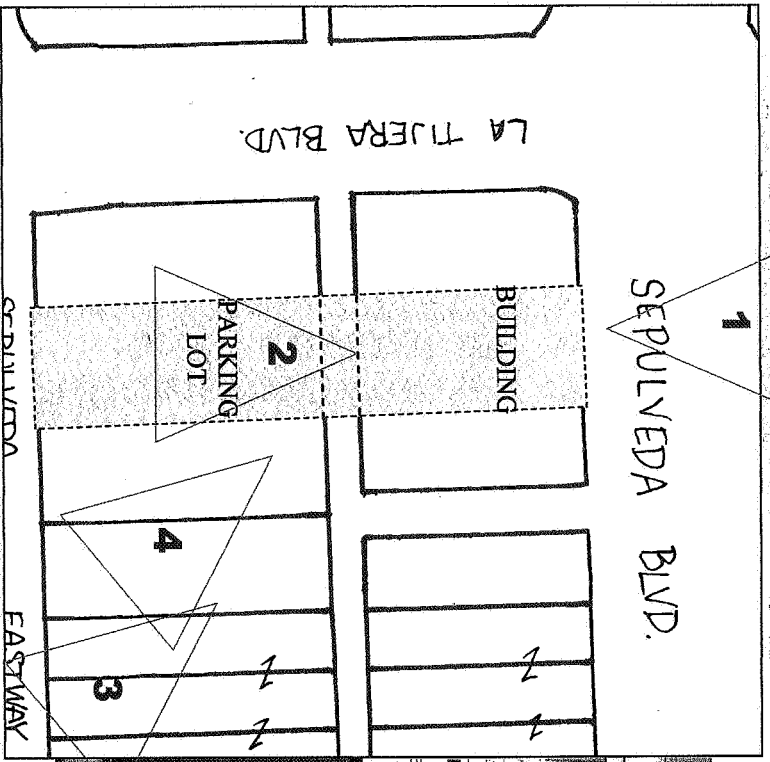
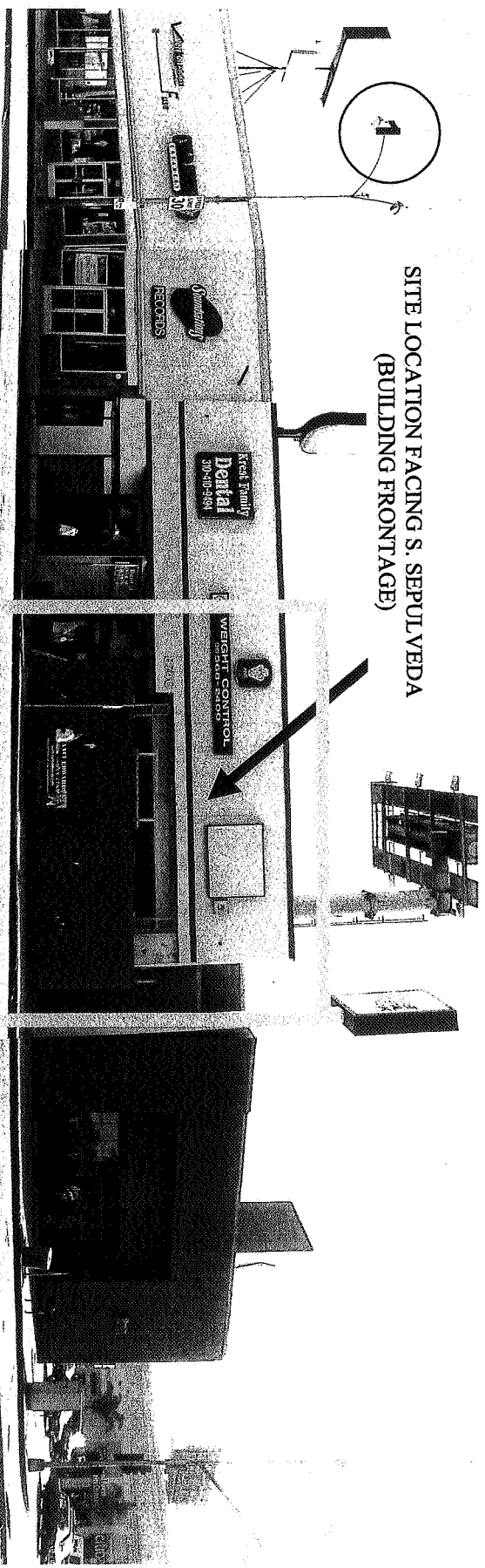


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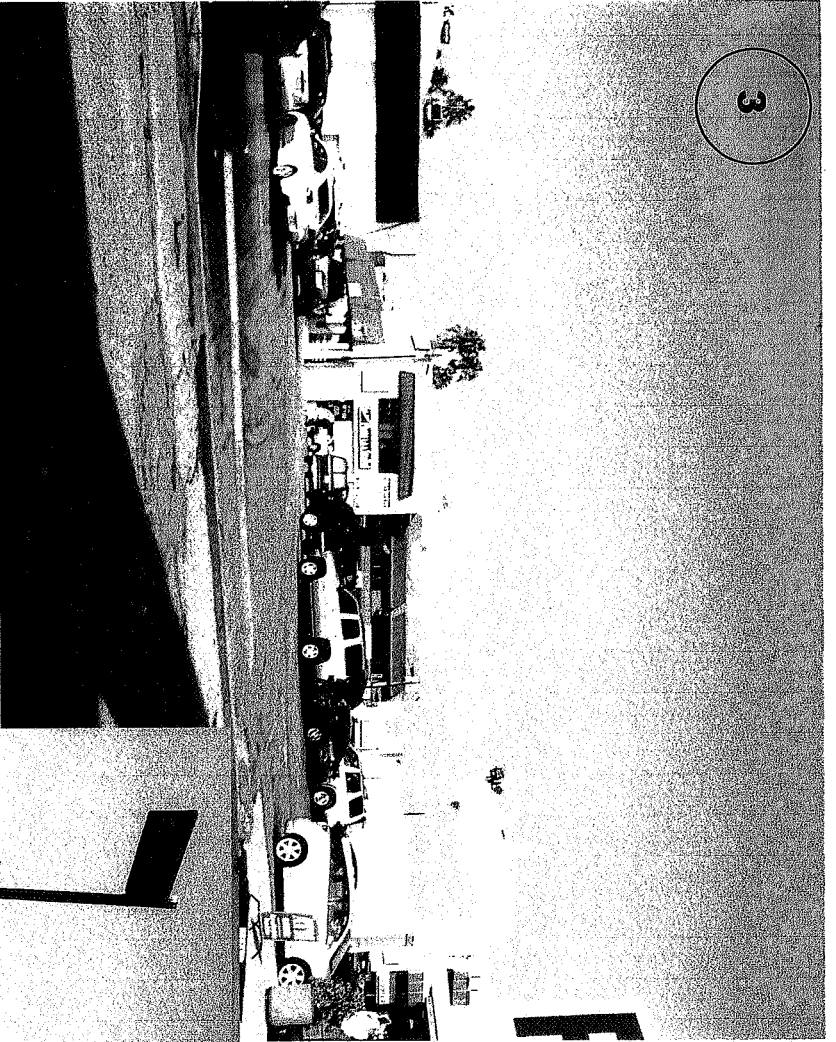
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CHALET EDELWEISS RESTAURANT

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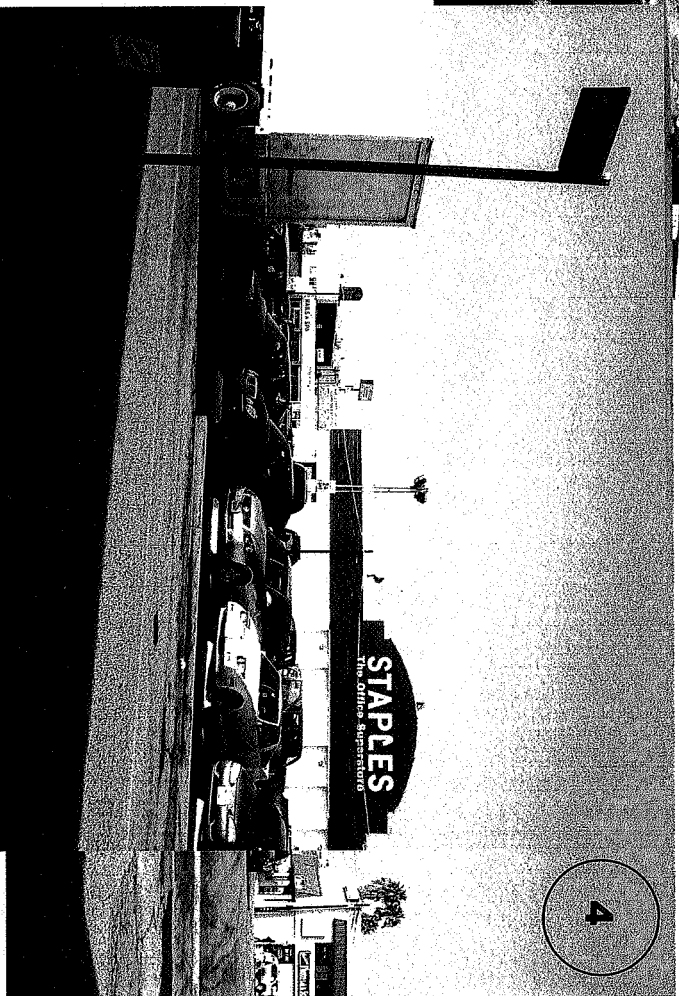


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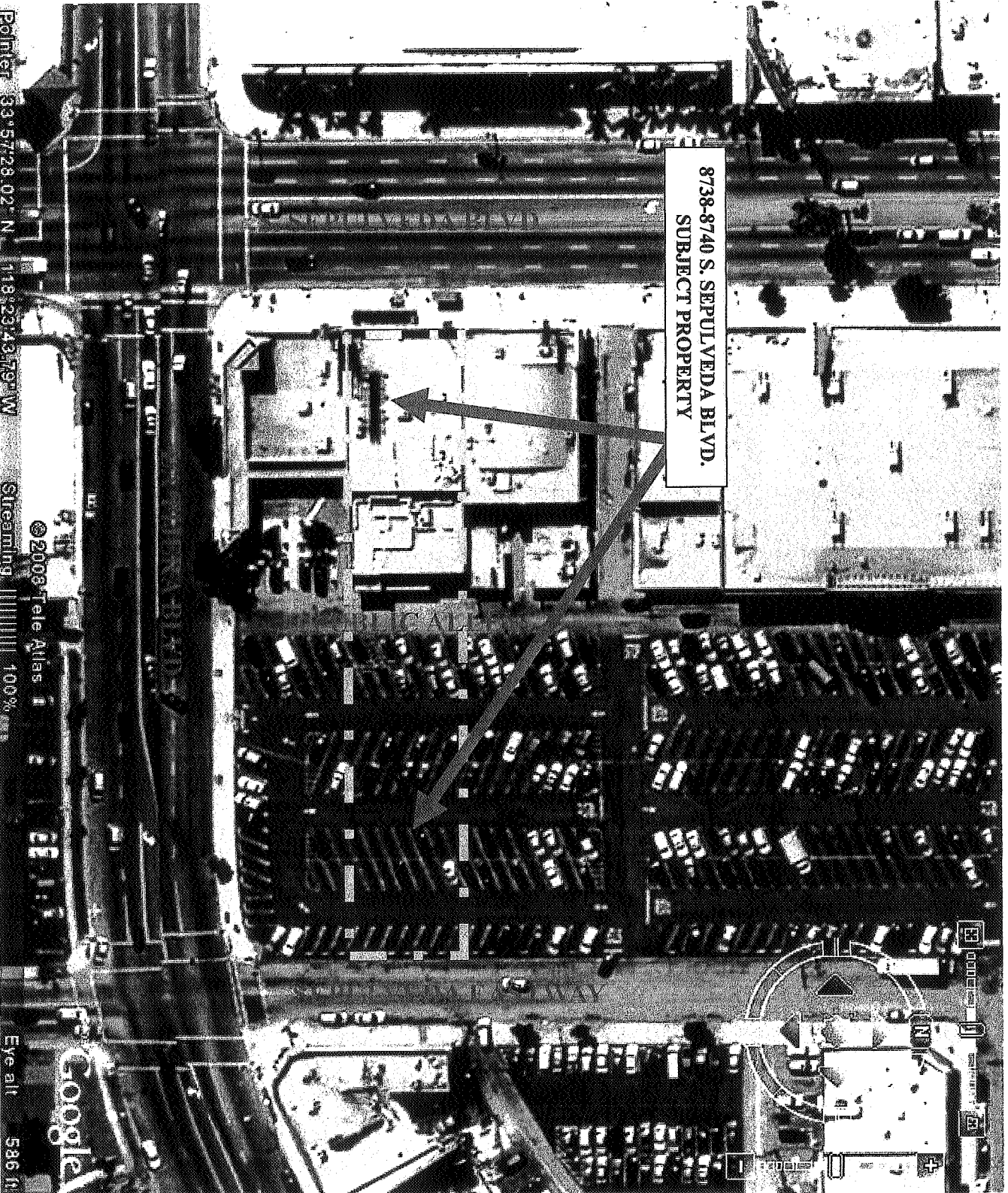


ABOVE AND BELOW:
LARGE PARKING LOT TO THE REAR
OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY
ALLEY SEPARATES BUILDING FROM
PARKING



8738-8740 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD.
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

8738-8740 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD.
SUBJECT PROPERTY



Pointer 33° 57' 23.02" N 118° 23' 43.79" W

2009 Tele Atlas Streaming 100%

Eye alt 586 ft

Google

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - ALCOHOL (CUB)
8738-8740 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

A. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BE PROPER IN RELATION TO ADJACENT USES OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

This requested use is consistent with the General Plan, consistent with its zoning designation (C-2-2D) and consistent with the Westchester Community Design Overlay. The proposed project will be proper in relation to adjacent uses and to the development of the community because the "Chalet Edelweiss" restaurant concept is unique to the Sepulveda/Westchester/Playa Del Rey area, a compliment to adjacent uses and desired by the community. The atmosphere will be California casual dining, and will be open for lunch and dinner. It will serve delicious food with European flavor to the pedestrian public, the professional (Sepulveda) neighborhood business employees and the local residents of the Westchester community.

B. WHY DOES THE APPLICANT BELIEVE THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE?

The Sepulveda/LaTijera area is experiencing a redevelopment of pedestrian oriented growth, with upscale, diverse retailers. Chalet Edelweiss offers a nice, unique dining experience both indoors as well as outdoor patio dining, which will be open and inviting to the street, and attract pedestrian diners. This concept is consistent with the CDO goal of encouraging pedestrian uses within the area. It will be Bavarian themed, a distinctive concept which does not exist in the vicinity, offering moderately priced menu items such as fondue, black forest ham, imported cheeses, brochettes, schnitzel, children's menu, many desserts and seasonal wines and ales for on-site consumption and enjoyment.

C. DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHARACTER OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WILL BE IN HARMONY WITH THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

The Los Angeles City Planning Commission approved the Westchester Community Design Overlay guidelines and standards in January 2008. The overlay is intended, in part, to assure that ground floor uses are compatible with the CDO goal of creating an active pedestrian environment. Its intent is to encourage improvement of the existing buildings, upgrading of facades, orienting primary entrances toward the major street, with a minimum of 60% of exterior facades to consist of doors and windows. All CDO goals are met by this project. Chalet Edelweiss, by design, is intended to be a family-friendly place that will help bring vitality and interest to the area and attract a broad range of patrons from the local business and residential communities.

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D. WILL THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE AT THIS LOCATION ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY? WHY?

There will be no adverse economic impacts by the project. To the contrary, Chalet Edelweiss will benefit the area with its vibrant, unique and friendly atmosphere and menu, which will help revitalize the block. The applicant's economic investment and rehabilitation of the property will not only enhance the commercial area, but it will also provide increased taxes in support of community services. By the elimination of blight at the location, it is hoped that other businesses in the area will take steps necessary to revitalize their properties and undertake much needed facade improvements.

E. WILL THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE RESULT IN OR CONTRIBUTE TO AN UNDUE CONCENTRATION OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS? WHY?

Chalet Edelweiss is a Bavarian-themed restaurant offering authentic Bavarian fare, including selections of the finest German, European, and American beer and wines. Original and traditional Bavarian dishes will be served as well. The service of beer and wine for on-site consumption is a convenience to the local patrons and a natural accompaniment to the cuisine. The ability to purchase a glass of beer or wine with a meal is desired by patrons of the restaurant, the location is well-suited with respect to other facilities and will not impact property values nor impede normal development in the area. With standard conditions of approval, we have no reason to expect any detriment to occur. As such, there are no comparable or similar establishments in the census tract, therefore, no undue concentration of similar uses will exist.

F. WILL THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT NEARBY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTIES?

Sepulveda Boulevard is a major transportation corridor. The property is surrounded by commercial uses, and parking for those uses. Ample buffering from residences exists via an alley and a large parking lot adjacent to the rear of the building. Beyond the parking, across La Tijera, there does exist a tract of homes, but the lots do not front La Tijera. It is a closed tract with further separation from the commercial zone by a perimeter block wall.

G. WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED HOURS OF OPERATION AND WHICH DAYS OF THE WEEK WILL THE ESTABLISHMENT BE OPEN? WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED HOURS OF ALCOHOL SALES?

The restaurant hours will be daily from 10:00 a.m. to Midnight. Beer and wine will be available during regular business hours.

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H. WHAT IS THE OCCUPANCY LOAD AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (NUMBER OF PATRONS)? WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SEATING IN ALL AREAS?

The proposed seating is as Follows: Inside Restaurant, 41 seats, Patio Dining Area, up to 42 seats. Occupancy Load: Restaurant Seating and Back of House: 46. Seating will be compliant with an occupancy load as determined by the Fire Department.

I. IS PARKING AVAILABLE ON THE SITE? IF SO, HOW MANY SPACES? IF SPACES ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE SITE, HAVE ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE FOR OFF-SITE PARKING BY LEASE OR COVENANT? WHERE? HOW MANY OFF-SITE SPACES?

Adequate parking exists in the dedicated parking lot to the rear of the building. There is a recorded covenant which holds the parcels together as one, and the lease arrangement between Chalet Edelweiss and the property owner ensures parking will remain available for the use throughout the term of the tenancy. 44 parking spaces are required for the building, including our use, and we are able to provide 45 spaces on-site.

J. IS THERE TO BE ENTERTAINMENT SUCH AS A PIANO BAR, JUKE BOX, DANCING, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, MOVIES, ETC.? (SPECIFY?) (ON-SITE ONLY)

There will be no entertainment such as a piano bar, juke box, dancing, live entertainment, movies, etc.

K. IS A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED OR JUST BEER AND WINE?

We seek permission for beer and wine.

L. WILL CUPS, GLASSES OR OTHER SIMILAR CONTAINERS BE SOLD WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR ON THE PREMISES? (OFF-SITE ONLY)

N/A (Restaurant Establishment)

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- M. IF A COCKTAIL LOUNGE IS TO BE MAINTAINED INCIDENTAL TO A RESTAURANT, THE REQUIRED FLOOR PLANS MUST SHOW DETAILS OF THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE AND THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE DINING AND LOUNGE FACILITIES. (ON-SITE ONLY)**

N/A (Restaurant Establishment)

- N. HAS THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BEEN SUSPENDED FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY OR FINED BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DEPARTMENT (ABC) IN THE LAST 365 DAYS AND IF SO, FOR WHAT REASONS?**

No. The Restaurateur has a clean track record with ABC.

- O. WILL VIDEO GAME MACHINES BE AVAILABLE FOR USE ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND IF SO, HOW MANY SUCH MACHINES WILL BE IN USE?**

There will be no video game machines on the premises.

- P. WILL YOU HAVE SIGNS VISIBLE ON THE OUTSIDE WHICH ADVERTISE THE AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL?**

Yes, a branded logo or similar, which will be a minor part of the overall restaurant signage.

- Q. WILL ALCOHOL BE SOLD WITHOUT A FOOD ORDER?**

By request, a patron may order a beer or a glass of wine, but it will be unlikely, given the menu selections and the well-lit, dynamic atmosphere more characteristic of a busy restaurant or eating establishment.

WILL THERE BE A KITCHEN ON THE SITE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12.03 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE?

Yes, there will be a full restaurant kitchen with a wood-fired oven.

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R. WILL BEER OR WINE COOLERS BE SOLD IN SINGLE CANS OR WILL WINE BE SOLD IN CONTAINERS LESS THAN 1 LITER (750ML)?

No.

S. WILL "FORTIFIED" WINE (GREATER THAN 16% ALCOHOL) BE SOLD?

No.

T. WILL OFF-SITE SALES OF ALCOHOL AS A SECONDARY USE TO ON-SITE SALES OCCUR (I.E., TAKE OUT)?

No.

U. WILL DISCOUNT ALCOHOLIC DRINKS OR A "HAPPY HOUR" BE OFFERED AT ANY TIME?

Possibly Sunday Brunch or similar weekend specials.

V. WILL SECURITY GUARDS BE PROVIDED AND IF SO, WHEN AND HOW MANY?

None will be needed.

W. WILL ALCOHOL BE ALLOWED TO BE CONSUMED ON ANY ADJACENT PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE APPLICANT?

No.

X. WILL THE GROSS SALE OF ALCOHOL EXCEED THE GROSS SALE OF FOOD ITEMS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS?

No.

Y. PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PROPOSED MENU IF FOOD IS TO BE SERVED.

Please see an attached menu.

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Z. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WILL YOU HAVE ON SITE AT ANY GIVEN TIME?

There will be a minimum of three employees on site at any given time.

AA. WHAT SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN INCLUDING:

- 1) **POSTING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE PREMISES.**
- 2) **TO PREVENT SUCH PROBLEMS AS GAMBLING, LOITERING, THEFT, VANDALISM AND TRUANCY.**
- 3) **WILL SECURITY GUARDS BE PROVIDED AND IF SO, WHEN AND HOW MANY?**
- 4) **OTHER MEASURES.**

All employees will be trained per California ABC laws for serving alcoholic beverages. Server Awareness training, "The LEAD Program" is a voluntary prevention and education program for retail licensees, and their employees. The LEAD Program provides the licensee and applicant with practical information on serving alcoholic beverages safely, responsibly, and legally, and preventing illicit drug activity at the licensed establishment.

Security cameras will be utilized: in the back adjacent to the parking lot, at the front patio area on Sepulveda, in the internal (communal) hallway and within the interior of the restaurant.

BB. WILL THERE BE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PATRONS? IS SO, HOW WILL THIS BE ENFORCED?

N/A (Restaurant Establishment)

CC. ARE THERE ANY SCHOOLS (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AND INCLUDING NURSERY SCHOOLS) CHURCHES OR PARKS WITHIN 1,000 FT. OF YOUR PROPOSED BUSINESS? WHERE?

There is a church located at 8740 La Tijera.

DD. FOR MASSAGE PARLOR OR SEXUAL ENCOUNTER ESTABLISHMENT APPLICANTS: ARE THERE ANY OTHER ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF YOUR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT (I.E., ADULT ARCADE, ADULT BOOKSTORE, ADULT CABARET, ADULT MOTEL, ADULT MOTION PICTURE THEATER, ADULT THEATER)?

N/A (Restaurant Establishment)

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EE. FOR OFF-SITE SALES, WHERE WILL THE ALCOHOL BE STORED AND DISPLAYED (INDICATE ON FLOOR PLAN)?

N/A (Restaurant Establishment)

NOTE: REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DEPARTMENT (ABC) REGARDING ITS REQUIREMENT AT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE.

2. FOR THE APPLICATIONS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES SPECIFIC PLAN, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. THE PROPOSED USE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE WELFARE OF AREA RESIDENTS.**
- B. THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION WILL NOT RESULT IN AN UNDUE CONCENTRATION IN THE AREA OF ESTABLISHMENTS DISPENSING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**
- C. THE PROPOSED USE WILL NOT DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT NEARBY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA.**

N/A (8740 S. Sepulveda is not within South Central Alcohol Beverages Specific Plan area).

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MASTER LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION
LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Staff Use Only

ENV No. <u>ENV 2008-953 CE</u>	Existing Zone <u>C2-2D</u>	District Map <u>096 B165</u>
APC <u>WEST LOS ANGELES</u>	Community Plan <u>WESTCHESTER-PLAYADELLEY</u>	Council District <u>11</u>
Census Tract <u>2780.00</u>	APN <u>4123002005</u>	Staff Approval *
		Date <u>3/10/08</u>

* Approval for Filing by Community Planning or Division of Land Staff, When Applicable

CASE No. **ZA 2008-952 CUB**

APPLICATION TYPE CONDITIONAL USE (CUB)

(zone change, variance, conditional use, tract/parcel map, specific plan exception, etc.)

1. PROJECT LOCATION AND SIZE

Street Address of Project 8738 - 8740 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD., #140, LOS ANGELES, CA Zip Code 90045

Legal Description: Lot *SEE ATTACHED PAGE Block *SEE ATTACHED PAGE Tract *SEE ATTACHED PAGE

Lot Dimensions *SEE ATTACHED PAGE Lot Area (sq. ft.) *SEE ATTACHED PAGE Total Project Size (sq. ft.) *SEE ATTACHED PAGE

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe what is to be done: Conversion of a vacant unit within an existing commercial use building to a full service restaurant (Bavarian Theme) and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for on-site consumption.

Present Use: Vacant space/unit within commercial building Proposed Use: Full service restaurant

Plan Check No. (if available) _____ Date Filed: _____

Check all that apply: New Construction Change of Use Alterations Demolition
 Commercial Industrial Residential

Additions to the building: Rear Front Height Side Yard

3. ACTION(S) REQUESTED

Describe the requested entitlement which either authorizes actions OR grants a variance:

Code Section from which relief is requested: _____ Code Section which authorizes relief: 12.24.W.1

Approval of Conditional Use (CUB) to operate a full service restaurant daily from 10:00 a.m. until Midnight and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for on-site consumption in the C2-2D zone.

Code Section from which relief is requested: _____ Code Section which authorizes relief: _____

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List related or pending case numbers relating to this site:

Recent Activity: AFF 991594623 , AFF 991594624

Case Numbers: CPC-1986-787-GPC , ORD-165865-SA1180 , YV-7388 , PKG-5525 , AFF-4424

*Environmental
Exemption
copy*

SIGNATURES of adjoining or neighboring property owners in support of the request; not required but helpful, especially for projects in single-family residential areas. (Attach sheet, if necessary)

NAME (Print)	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	KEY # ON MAP

4. OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name Stefan Bachofner Company T.K. Restaurant, Inc. dba Chalet Edelweiss
 Address: 205 Ocean Front Walk Telephone: (310) 801-6324 Fax: (310) 392-1229
Venice, CA Zip: 90291 E-mail: bachofner@sbcglobal.net

Property Owner's Name (if different than applicant) 8740 SEPULVEDA LLC
 Address: 8740 S. Sepulveda Blvd., #100 Telephone: (310) 410-9388 Fax: (310) 410-0523
Los Angeles, CA Zip: 90045 E-mail: alan@anrlax.com

Contact Person for project information Janelle Williams / Williams Land Use Services
 Address: 2418 Honolulu Ave., Suite B Telephone: (818) 542-4109 Fax: (818) 542-3172
Montrose, CA Zip: 91020 E-mail: WILLIAMSLANDUSE@YAHOO.COM

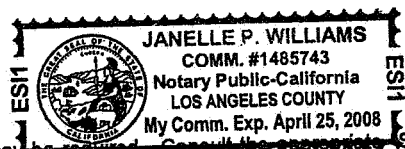
5. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

Under penalty of perjury the following declarations are made:

- a. The undersigned is the owner or lessee if entire site is leased, or authorized agent of the owner with power of attorney or officers of a corporation (submit proof). (NOTE: for zone changes lessee may not sign).
- b. The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
 Print: Stefan Bachofner
 Date: February 29, 2008

Subscribed and sworn before me this (date): Feb. 29, 2008
 In the County of Los Angeles State of California
 Notary Public [Handwritten Signature]
 Stamp:



7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/FINDINGS

In order for the City to render a determination on your application, additional information may be required. Consult the appropriate "Special Instructions" handout. Provide on attached sheet(s) this additional information using the hand-out as a guide.

NOTE: All applicants are eligible to request a one time, one-year only freeze on fees charged by various City departments in connection with your project. It is advisable only when this application is deemed complete or upon payment of Building and Safety plan check fees. Please ask staff for details or an application.

Planning Staff Use Only

Base Fee <u>5401</u>	Reviewed and Accepted by <u>[Handwritten Signature]</u>	Date <u>3/10/08</u>
Receipt No. <u>271274</u>	Deemed Complete by <u>[Handwritten Signature]</u>	Date

COUNTY CLERK'S USE

CITY CLERK'S USE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
 ROOM 395, CITY HALL
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3—City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 (b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning	COUNCIL DISTRICT 11
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PROJECT TITLE * ZA 2008-952 CUB	LOG REFERENCE ENV ENV 2008-953 CE
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PROJECT LOCATION
* **8738-8740 S. SEPLUEDA BLVD #140**

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:
* **FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH BEER & WINE SALES**

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:
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CONTACT PERSON * JANELLE WILLIAMS	AREA CODE * 818	TELEPHONE NUMBER * 542-4109	EXT.
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES	STATE EIR GUIDELINE
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. III, Sec. 2b	Sec. 15268
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. III, Sec. 2a (1)	Sec. 15269
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. III, Sec. 2a (2) & (3)	Sec. 15269
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15061 (b) (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. III, Sec. 1	Sec. 15300 et esq.

Class 5 Category 34 (City CEQA Guidelines)

OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 (b) and set forth state and city guideline provision.)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: Project involves the on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages where the premises does not exceed an occupant load of 200 persons and does not require an original dance hall, skating rink, or bowling alley permit from the Los Angeles Police Commission.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.

SIGNATURE 	TITLE PLANNING ASSISTANT	DATE 3/10/08
FEE: 00	RECEIPT NO. 271274	REC'D. BY BNS
		DATE 3/10/08

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record
Form Gen. 183 (Rev. 8-90) (Appendix A) (C.S. 4/98) (P.C. 5/02)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT HE OR SHE UNDERSTANDS THE FOLLOWING:
 Completion of this form by an employee of the City constitutes only a staff recommendation that an exemption from CEQA be granted. A Notice of Exemption is only effective if, after a public review and any required public hearings, it is adopted by the City agency having final jurisdiction (including any appeals) over the project application. If a CEQA exemption is found inappropriate, preparation of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report will be required. IF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT IS INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE SUCH ERROR OR OMISSION COULD INVALIDATE ANY CITY ACTIONS ON THE PROJECT, INCLUDING CEQA FINDINGS.

* Dowergai Gervais
NAME (PRINTED)

*
SIGNATURE

Title: Motion to Support Chalet Edelweiss	Item No. _____
Meeting date: July 1, 2008	
Agendized by: Jim Ferro	
Contact person: Jim Ferro	Phone number: 213-489-9220
Committee Vote (if appropriate): No Quorum – PLUC Meeting 6-24-08	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ____ No	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Neighborhood support the Application of Chalet Edelweiss for a Conditional Use Permit – Alcohol (CUB) and prepare an appropriate letter thereon.

BACKGROUND:

See Attachment.

DISCUSSION:

No opposition. Committee consensus very favorable.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Materials from Owner.

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Support the Application of Chalet Edelweiss for a Conditional Use Permit – Alcohol (CUP) and prepare an appropriate letter thereon.



(310) 645-8740

www.chaletedelweiss.us

8740 Sepulveda Boulevard, Westchester, CA

Welcome Friends and Neighbors,

*We are inspired by the life in the Swiss Alps
And we insist on excellence and freshness.
Try our wood fired pizza, or a sizzling skillet.*

We serve Erdinger & Bitburger on Tap.

*Come watch us cook, we are your casual,
Family owned, neighborhood restaurant.*

The Bachofner Family

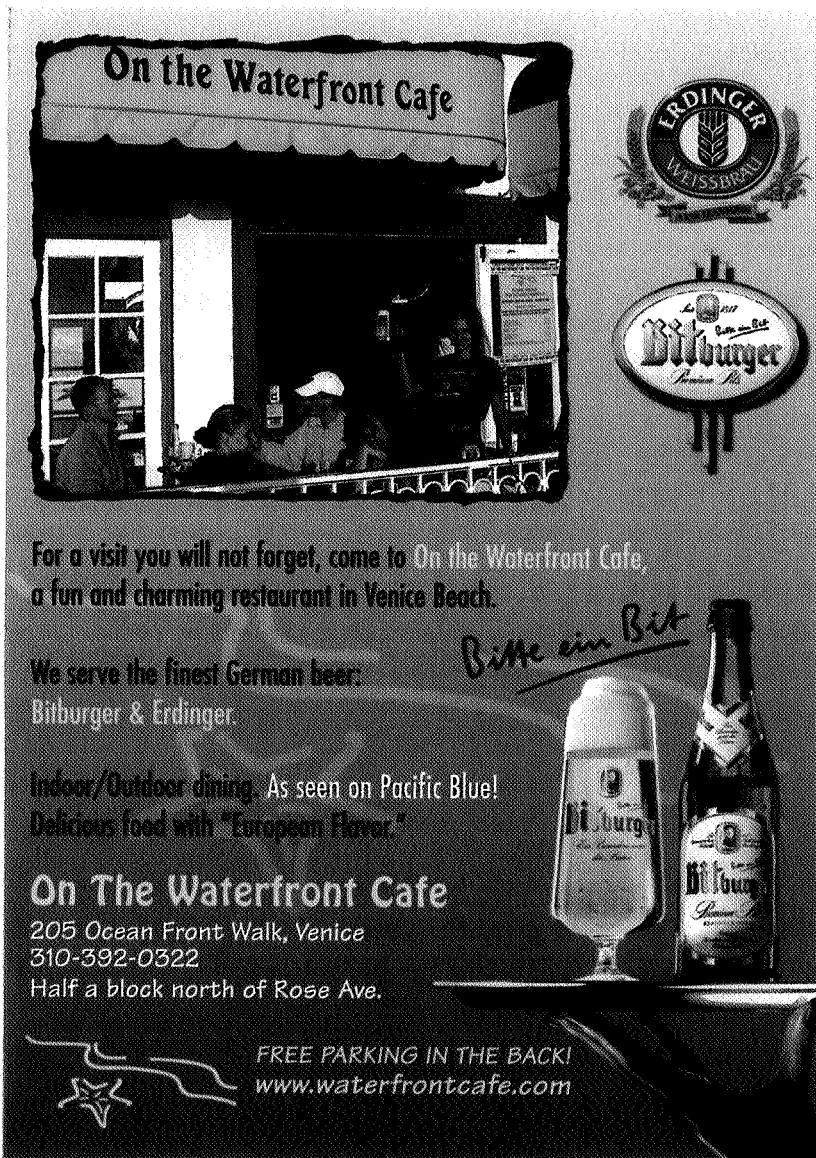


Who we are

We are a Westchester Family of five. Stefan Bachofner is a Swiss trained chef, with a degree in hotel management. Susi Bachofner-Binder is a former middle school teacher, now a fulltime mom. Daughter Alice is a 6th grader at Orville Wright Middle School and the two sons Lucas and Michael, second grader and kindergartener, attend Cowan Ave. Elementary.

What we do

We own the "On the Waterfront Cafe" in Venice Beach. This is our 14th year working on the boardwalk.



On the Waterfront Cafe

For a visit you will not forget, come to *On the Waterfront Cafe*, a fun and charming restaurant in Venice Beach.

We serve the finest German beer:
Bitburger & Erdinger.

Indoor/Outdoor dining. As seen on Pacific Blue!
Delicious food with "European Flavor."

On The Waterfront Cafe
205 Ocean Front Walk, Venice
310-392-0322
Half a block north of Rose Ave.

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FREE PARKING IN THE BACK!
www.waterfrontcafe.com

The advertisement features a black and white photograph of the cafe's exterior with a sign that reads "On the Waterfront Cafe". To the right of the photo are two beer logos: a circular "ERDINGER WEISSBIRN" logo and an oval "Bitburger" logo. Below the logos, a hand is shown holding a tray with a tall glass of beer and a bottle of Bitburger beer. The background of the advertisement is a dark, textured grey.

The Search

For the past three years we have been looking for a second location. At first we thought of another beach location, so we searched from north to south, from Malibu to Palos Verdes. Then we looked up in the mountains, we went to Big Bear, we went to Mammoth, we love the mountains.

Nothing seemed to fit, nothing clicked – we did not like the traffic, we did not like the commute, we did not like being away from the family.

Coming Home to Westchester

It became clear we wanted to stay close to home.

The Location: 8740 Sepulveda Blvd.

In December of 2007 we found an empty storefront on Sepulveda Blvd. that we liked immediately. The new pedestrian friendly area goes hand in hand with our idea of an outside patio, a mountain and a tree. We are very excited about the changes happening on Sepulveda Blvd.

The Project: Chalet Edelweiss

We began drawing plans and building our restaurant in January 2008. Six month later, we are done and ready for our big opening in July.

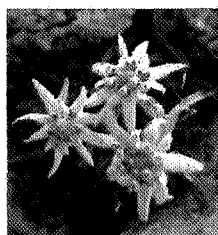
Chalet Edelweiss brings the Alps to L.A.

We are a family owned, neighborhood restaurant, that is ...

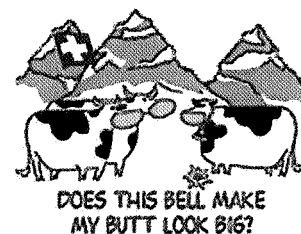
... casual and comfy,



inspired by the Alps,



and fun!



WILLIAMS LAND USE SERVICES



Chalet Edelweiss Restaurant
8740 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045
CUB Application
for on-site consumption Beer & Wine (eating establishment)
CASE # ZA 2008 952 CUB
Stefan Bachofner, Applicant

ENCLOSURE CONTENTS

- 1. Master Land Use Application – CUB**
With Findings & Restaurant Menu
- 2. Environmental Exemption**
Attached to MLUA
- 3. 500' Radius Map**
- 4. Vicinity Map**
- 5. Site Plan & Floor Plan**
- 6. Site Photograph Exhibit**

Title: Community Improvement Project for LAFD #5,#67,#95	Item No. _____
Meeting date: July 1, 2008	
Agendized by: Cyndi Hench	
Contact person: Cyndi Hench	Phone number:310.779.6706
Committee Vote (if appropriate):	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Board renew fiscal year 2007-2008 funding in connection with the previously approved motion to spend up to \$15,000 for repairs and furnishings for the Los Angeles Fire Stations in the NCWP area, i.e., Stations 5, 67 and 95.

BACKGROUND:

Looking to make the most of this improvement project for our local fire stations, I have connected with Spectrum Health Clubs to arrange for a donation of exercise equipment for stations 95 and 5. Because of timing issues with Spectrum, I have not completed this project as I am hoping that the Spectrum will be able to donate equipment that we would otherwise purchase for the stations. If Spectrum is able to provide the Elliptical machine and Recumbent Bike that are requested by station 5, we can invest in other improvements for the station. I expect to have the open questions with Spectrum resolved by July and intend on disbursing funds shortly thereafter based on the identified needs of the respective fire stations.

DISCUSSION:

Through June 30, I have purchased exercise equipment for LAFD station 67 for \$4,367.42, and 3 televisions for LAFD station 95 for \$4,275.88, plus \$800 labor for a total of \$9,443.30. I need more time to complete the project for these stations and station #5.

The exercise equipment purchased for station 67 was not available from the Spectrum.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The unspent funding for this project is \$5,556.70. The funding has already been approved and the renewal will not result in any new, unapproved expenditures.

ATTACHMENTS:

none

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Renew fiscal year 2007-2008 funding in connection with the previously approved motion to spend up to \$15,000 for repairs and furnishings for the Los Angeles Fire Stations in the NCWP area, i.e., Stations 5, 67 and 95.

Title: Endorsement of Palisades Charter High School Governance Model	Item No. ____
Meeting date: July 1, 2008	
Agendized by:	
Contact person: Terry Marcellus	Phone number: (310) 616 6178
Committee Vote (if appropriate): 9-0	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? No	
Additional documents attached? No	

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board pass the motion transmitted to it by the Education Committee as stated below.

BACKGROUND:

The Education Committee has studied numerous models for public school improvement and reform. The Committee has seen that effective reform typically includes changes to governance structure, budgeting procedures, curriculum, school culture, hiring practices and discipline. All models of public school reform involve in some way bringing decision making and accountability closer to the communities and the families served by the schools.

Our Neighborhood Council has been an aggressive advocate for reform and improvement of the public schools located within our service area, and has embraced strongly supported the autonomy from LAUSD as the best means of achieving reform and improvement.

On June 5, 2007, our Board passed a motion which read in relevant part:

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER/PLAYA DEL REY SUPPORTS THE FORMAL CREATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS TO BE KNOWN AS THE LMU FAMILY OF SCHOOLS CONSISTING OF WESTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL, ORVILLE WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PASEO DEL REY, LOYOLA VILLAGE, KENTWOOD, COWAN AND WESTPORT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, PROVIDED THAT THE LMU FAMILY OF SCHOOLS:

- (1) OPERATES UNDER THE BEST PRACTICES OF CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOLS AND/OR THE BOSTON PILOT SCHOOL MODEL.
- (2) REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE INNOVATION DIVISION OF LAUSD, AND NOT TO LOCAL DISTRICT 3, AND
- (3) IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH BROADLY REPRESENTS THE COMMUNITY, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE SCHOOLS.

Since the date of that motion the LMU Family of Schools has been established, LAUSD has created the Innovation Division to manage schools autonomous schools schools, and teachers and parents at five Westchester schools have voted to enter the Innovation Division in partnership with LMU, those being Westchester High School, Orville Wright Middle School, and Kentwood Avenue, Cowan Avenue and Westport Heights Elementary Schools.

“Transition Teams” have been formed or will be formed at each of the five Westchester schools in the Innovation Division. These transition teams will be meeting over the summer and will be considering many crucial issues including the model that will be adopted for the governance of the Westchester schools in the Innovation Division.

The Education Committee has hosted and attended meetings featuring many key players in the effort to reform Los Angeles public schools including our Board Member Marlene Canter, Superintendents Romer and Brewer, Mayor Villaraigosa, LAUSD Innovation Director Kathi Littmann, LMU Dean of the School of Education Shane Martin, Green Dot Public Charter Schools founder Steve Barr, UTLA President Duffy, and representatives of the California Charter School Association.

The Education Committee has also researched the governance structure in place at Palisades Charter High School and has hosted representatives from its Governing Council. The Governing Council at Palisades Charter High School consists of 3 teachers, 3 parents of current students, 3 local community members, 1 classified staff member and the Executive Director.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to achieving autonomy by becoming an independent charter school, Palisades High School was experiencing declining attendance, performance and local community support. Since achieving autonomy the school has seen sharply rising attendance and local community support, and improved performance by all students.

The Education Committee believes that a key component of the unquestioned success seen at Palisades Charter High School is the composition of the governing council with equal numbers of teachers, parents of current students and local community members. The Education Committee believes that establishing a clear and sustainable governance structure is the foundation and the necessary first step for autonomy and the achievement of the reform and school improvement which communities deserve from their public schools. Support from the local residential and business community is vital for the success of public schools, and sustainable support can only be achieved when local community members are recognized as full participants in the governance of the school. The Education Committee believes the Palisades Charter High School model offers the best hope of achieving these important goals, and submits this motion to the Board so that this position can be properly carried to the school Transition Teams.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: No fiscal implications.

MOTION:

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER PLAYA ENDORSES A GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS OF THE LMU FAMILY OF SCHOOLS BASED ON THAT OF PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN WHICH EQUAL NUMBERS OF SEATS ARE ALLOCATED TO TEACHERS, PARENTS OF CURRENT STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO LIVE OR WORK WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL.