

**LAS TUNAS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**DECEMBER 18, 2015, 9:00 A.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Chavez called the Las Tunas Downtown Revitalization Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmember – Chavez and Yu

ABSENT: Councilmember – None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Bryan Cook, Community Development Director Michael Forbes, Assistant to the City Manager Brian Haworth, City Engineer Ali Cayir, Consultant Greg Tung (via telephone)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on the Las Tunas Project

Mr. Cook discussed the City Council's direction on December 1, 2015, to pursue Option A, with the possible alternative of replacing the diagonal parking with parallel parking. He presented Mr. Tung's renderings showing the parallel parking option and noted that this would allow for the sidewalks to be five feet wider on both sides of the street.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu stated that he thought a split City Council was not a good approach to this project. He stated that one of the original 2012 alternatives that is similar to Option B might be a good compromise to avoid a split City Council and split community, although personally he still believed Option A was the best option. He recommended reversing the lanes from Option B such that there would be one westbound lane and two eastbound lanes, consistent with the option considered in 2012.

Mayor Chavez stated that he appreciated Mayor Pro Tem Yu's effort to avoid a split Council, but that he is willing to go with the majority of the City Council. Mayor Chavez noted that Option B received no support at the December 1, 2015, community meeting and said that while it is a compromise, he doesn't know if that is a good solution.

Mr. Tung provided additional details regarding the alternatives considered in 2012 and compared them to the current options. Mayor Chavez asked about lane widths as compared with Rosemead Blvd. Mr. Cayir further discussed the similarities and differences between the different options related to lane configurations and widths, sidewalk widths, parking, and medians. In response to Mr. Cayir's comments related to diagonal parking, Mayor Chavez and Mayor Pro Tem Yu both stated that they believed diagonal parking was off the table and would not be part of any option going forward. Mayor Chavez further commented that changing the lane configuration over the length of

the corridor as some of the original options proposed would be too confusing given the relatively short length of the corridor.

Mayor Chavez discussed parking and said that losing a few parking places along Las Tunas to enhance the streetscape would be acceptable, given the new parking lot planned for 5800 Temple City Boulevard and possible additional off-street parking at other locations.

Mr. Cayir explained the rationale for Option B of having two lanes westbound versus eastbound, due to the higher traffic volume in the morning and shorter time frame of the morning commute. Mayor Chavez commented that he believes there is a higher traffic volume in the evening and supports having two eastbound lanes.

The standing committee discussed bringing the matter back to the full Council and the need to have an additional standing committee meeting prior to consideration by the full Council.

Mr. Cook presented a summary of the estimated project budget. Mr. Forbes clarified for Mayor Chavez the costs of the different options and the General Fund contribution and total City contribution for the different options. Mr. Cook clarified that the original Option B was an economized option that reduced the overall project cost and would hence reduce the amount of the Metro grant. Mr. Cook discussed the different funding sources for the project.

The conversation returned to lane widths. Mayor Chavez stated that he is not certain about 10 foot wide travel lanes. Mr. Cook recommended that the lane width issue be more fully flushed out in the design details.

Mr. Cook noted that he would soon be coming to the City Council with contract amendments for additional funds for some of the consultants working on the project.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Community Development Director