

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 REGULAR MEETING
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1070
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Commission President Maleena Lawrence called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Jaime Geaga and Julie Stromberg in attendance.

Commission Vice President Steve Kang and Commissioner Oliver DelGado were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ernesto Velazquez, Deputy City Attorney, Commission Office staff participation included Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II, Marcos G. Godoy, Diego Vazquez, Administrative Clerks, and Tionna Simpson, Office Trainee.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Jane Choi, Principal City Planner, on behalf of Director of Planning, Vince P. Bertoni, reported on the following:
 - The permanent Al Fresco Ordinance for private properties is effect. The ordinance allows alcohol service and outdoor dining areas, including parking lots, patios, plazas, sidewalks, streets and more.
 - On February 14, 2024 the Department of City Planning launched the Climate Vulnerability Assessment Public Community Partners Program. It is the first time the department is engaging in a paid partnership with a community-based organization.
- Ernesto Velazquez, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- Commission Requests:
 - Commissioner Stromberg announced a planned absence for March 12, 2024 and Commissioner Geaga announced his planned absences for both meetings for the month of September 2024.
- Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Stromberg moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023. Commissioner Geaga seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stromberg
Second: Geaga
Ayes: Lawrence
Absent: DelGado, Kang

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 5

ZA-2017-4610-CU-MCUP-SPR-1A

CEQA: ENV-2017-3933-CE

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – de León

Last Day to Act: 02-27-24

Continued From: 05-14-19, 08-27-19, 10-22-19, 12-10-19,
02-11-20, 04-28-20, 07-14-20, 10-13-20,
01-26-21, 04-13-21, 06-22-21, 09-28-21,
12-14-21, 05-24-22, 07-26-22, 10-25-22,
02-28-23, 06-27-23, 11-28-23, 12-12-23

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 949 South Hope Street; (615 West Olympic Boulevard;
950 South Flower Street; 600 West 9th Street)

IN ATTENDANCE VIA HYBRID/TELECONFERENCE:

Henry Chu, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Todd Nelson, representing the Applicant; and Javier Abitia, representing the Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Stromberg moved to continue the item to a date certain of May 28, 2024. Commissioner Geaga seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stromberg
Second: Geaga
Ayes: Lawrence
Absent: DelGado, Kang

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

APCC-2023-3070-SPE

CEQA: ENV-2023-3071-CE

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – de León

Last Day to Act: 02-28-24

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed January 9, 2024

PROJECT SITE: 1111 South Broadway
(1101, 1133, and 1139 South Broadway; 146 West 11th Street)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Valentina Knox-Jones, City Planner and Jane Choi, Principal City Planner, representing the Department; Alana Hasid, Applicant and Neil Brower, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Kang moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project, as stated on the record:

Construction of three new illuminated neon Wall Signs measuring four feet tall by nine feet five inches wide, with an area of 37.67 square feet each. The signs will contain on-site advertising reading "ASU" and will be located on the existing historic Herald Examiner building. Two signs will have a maximum height of 71 feet from Grade, while the third sign will have a maximum height of 68 feet from Grade. The respective wall signs will face Broadway, 11th Street, and an alley.

1. Determine, that based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15311, Class 11, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approve, pursuant to Section 11.5.7 F of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Specific Plan Exception (SPE) from the Historic Broadway Sign Supplemental Use District (Sign District) to allow two illuminated Wall Signs with a maximum height of 71 feet from grade and one illuminated Wall Sign with a maximum height of 68 feet from grade, in lieu of the maximum height from grade of 20 feet as otherwise allowed by Section 9.17 of the Sign District;
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
4. Adopt the Findings.

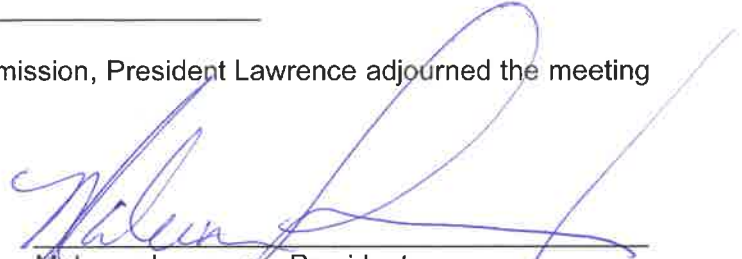
Commission President Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stromberg
Second: Lawrence
Ayes: Geaga
Absent: Kang, DelGado

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



Maleena Lawrence, President
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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