

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
200 North Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles California 90012

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE HEARING RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES OF COMPACT DISC RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT <http://www.planning.lacity.org>.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Franklin Acevedo at 4:42 p.m.

Commissioners present: Franklin Acevedo, Chanchanit Martorell, Victor Viramontes, David White

Commissioner absent: Young Kim

1. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT - ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Advance Calendar

Motion: To cancel the meeting of September 22, 2009

Moved: Martorell

Seconded: Acevedo

Ayes: Viramontes, White

Vote: 4-0

B. Commission Requests

None

C. Minutes of June 23, 2009 and July 14, 2009

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of June 23, 2009 and July 14, 2009

Moved: Acevedo

Seconded: Martorell

Ayes: Viramontes, White

Vote: 4-0

3. **ZA-2008-1733-CUB-1A**

CEQA: ENV-2008-1734-MND

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10

Expiration Date: 9/8/09

Appeal Status: Not further appealable

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

Project Location: 4159 West Pico Boulevard

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

Appeals from the Zoning Administrator's decision, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24-W,1, for the approval of a Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with nine (9) karaoke rooms for live entertainment; and the approval of adopted environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2008-1734 MND.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Deny the appeal; **sustain** the Zoning Administrator's decision for the approval of a Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing restaurant with nine karaoke rooms for live entertainment; and **adopt** the environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2008-1734-MND.

APPLICANT: Young Min Kwon

Representative: SEO & Company

APPELLANTS: (1) Young Min Kwon

Representative: SEO & Company

(2) Yoon Jung Kim

Staff: Sue Chang (213) 978-3304

DISCUSSION

Planning staff presented the case.

Sue Chang, Zoning Administrator presented disturbing allegations regarding the applicant and requested that the Commission overturn her decision and deny the applicant's request for a conditional use permit base on new information that has come to light.

The applicant's representative presented the case and requested a continuance for 90 days to resolve the issues with the neighbors.

Appellant No. 2, Yoon Jung Kim addressed the Commission and spoke for the appeal.

Detective Eric Moore, Los Angeles Police Department presented the findings of the ABC Debriefers, which is a quarterly distribution regarding severe nuisance problems or alcohol related investigations within the community. The subject location was depicted in an unfavorable light in the newsletter and supports the position of the community and the Zoning Administrator.

Senior Deputy for Council District 10 spoke in support of the Zoning Administrator's original decision and requested a continuance for 45 days to form an unbiased opinion to investigate the accusations concerning the subject location.

The commission discussed the project at length and its findings to deny the request for a continuance.

Motion: To Deny the Appeal of Young Min Kwon, Appellant No. 1 and overturned the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny the conditional use permit

Moved: Acevedo

Seconded: White

Ayes: Martorell, Viramontes

Vote: 4 - 0

Motion: To Grant the Appeal of Yoon Jung Kim, Appellant No. 2

Moved: Martorell

Seconded: White

Ayes: Acevedo, Viramontes

Vote: 4 - 0

4. **DIR-2009-1243-COA-1A**
CEQA: ENV-2009-1244-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5
Expiration Date: 9/14/09
Appeal Status: Not further appealable

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

Project Location: 1151 South Orlando Avenue

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

An Appeal of the entire determination by the Director of Planning to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for replacement of wood windows with aluminum frame windows in various locations on an existing single family residence. No increase in height or square footage is proposed.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Deny the appeal; **sustain** the Director of Planning decision for the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for replacement of wood windows with aluminum frame windows in various locations on an existing single family residence. No increase in height or square footage is proposed; and **adopt** the environmental clearance Categorical Exemption ENV-2009-1244-CE.

APPLICANT: Beverly Pinnas
Representative: Anne Marie Kaufmann

APPELLANT: same

Staff: Jason Chan (213) 978-3307

DISCUSSION

Planning staff presented the case.

Several people spoke for and against the appeal.

The applicant addressed the Commission and spoke for the appeal.

Discussion ensued among the Commission and supported the decision of the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ).

Motion: To Deny the Appeal, sustain the Director of Planning decision for the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of wood windows with aluminum frame windows in various locations on an existing single family residence

Moved: Martorell

Seconded: White

Ayes: Acevedo, Viramontes

Vote: 4 - 0

At this point in the meeting, the Commission recessed for 15 minutes.

5. **ZA-2008-2186-CUB-1A**
CEQA: ENV-2008-2187-MND
Plan Area: Westlake

Council District: 13
Expiration Date: 9/14/09
Appeal Status: Not further appealable

CONTINUED FROM JULY 28, 2009 MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

Project Location: 2300 West Beverly Boulevard

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

An Appeal from the Zoning Administrator's decision, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24-W,1, for the denial of a Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with karaoke entertainment (Victoria Restaurant); and the denial of adopted environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2008-2187-MND.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Deny the appeal; **sustain** the Zoning Administrator's decision for the denial of a Conditional Use to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant with karaoke entertainment (Victoria Restaurant); and consider the environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2008-2187-MND.

APPLICANT: Esther Huh, Victoria Restaurant
Representative: Nathan Freeman

APPELLANT: Esther Huh, Victoria Restaurant
R. Dante Charleston

STAFF: Sue Chang (213) 978-3304

DISCUSSION

Planning staff presented the case.

Discussion ensued between the Commission, planning staff and the applicant. Appellant spoke and answered questions from the Commission.

Motion: To Grant the Appeal and overturned the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a conditional use permit

Moved: Acevedo

Seconded: White

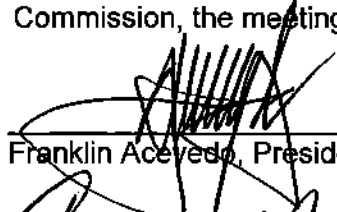
Ayes: Martorell, Viramontes

Vote: 4 - 0

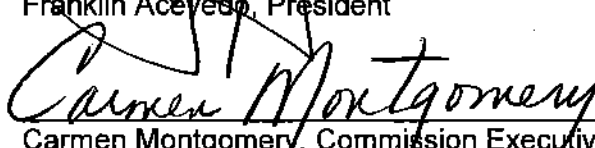
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No speakers.

There being no further business to come before the Los Angeles Central Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Franklin Acevedo, President



Carmen Montgomery, Commission Executive Assistant
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Date Adopted: 10-27-09