

**SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011, 4:30 P.M.
CONSTITUENT SERVICE CENTER
8475 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90044**

Faith I. Mitchell, President
Juan Aquino, Vice President
Reginald D. Chapple, Commissioner
Rochelle Mills, Commissioner
James E. Silcott, Commissioner

James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant I

POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEM No. 3.

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. All requests to address the Commission on public hearing items must be submitted prior to the Commission's consideration of the item. **EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STAFF.**

To ensure that the Commission has ample opportunity to review written materials, all concerned parties who wish to submit written materials on agenda items should submit them to the Commission Office, 200 North Spring Street, Room 272, Los Angeles, 90012, 10 days prior to the meeting at which the item is to be heard in order to meet the mailing deadline. Note: Materials received after the mailing deadline will be placed in the official case file.

TIME SEGMENTS noted * herein are approximate. Some items may be delayed due to length of discussion of previous items.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Policies and Procedures and **provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case.**

AGENDAS are posted for public review in the Main Street lobby of City Hall East, 200 No. Main Street, Los Angeles, California, and are accessible through the Internet World Wide Web at **www.lacity.org/PLN.** Click the **Meetings and Hearings** quick link. APC agenda are available under any of the seven service areas.

In the case of a Commission meeting cancellation, all items shall be continued to the next regular meeting date or beyond, as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agenda item here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

GLOSSARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERMS:

CEQA - Calif. Environmental Quality Act
EIR - Environmental Impact Report

ND - Negative Declaration
MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration
CE - Categorical Exemption

1. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Council actions and schedule
- B. Other items of interest
- C. A Status update and a Presentation:

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Advance Calendar
- B. Commission Requests

3. **ZA-2009-1836-ZV-1A**

CEQA: ENV-2009-1837-MND
Plan: South Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Reyes

Expiration Date: 03-15-11 Ext.

Appeal Status: Further appealable if Zone
Variance is approved

PUBLIC HEARING – Continued from the meeting of January 18, 2011

PROJECT LOCATION: 851 W. 23rd STREET

REQUESTED ACTION:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision **1)** pursuant to Charter Section 562 and Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27-B, for the denial of **a)** a Zone Variance from Section 12.09.1-B,4 to permit the legalization of two apartment units, one with 636 square feet of lot area in lieu of the required 1,500 square feet, and one with zero feet of lot area in lieu of the 1,500 feet of lot area as otherwise required by the Code, in conjunction with conversion of an existing four-unit apartment building to seven units (two proposed under variance and one allowed by-right), all in conjunction with the continued use and maintenance of the other existing four-unit apartment building at 2133 Norwood Street, for a total 11-units in lieu of the permitted 9 units on a 14,200 square-foot parcel in the RD1.5-1-O-HPOZ Zone, and **b)** a Variance from Section 12.21-A,5, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to permit two new parking spaces(in association with a multi-family dwelling of more than two units), both of which require that automobiles back up onto a Collector Street (Norwood Street), and **2)** pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.28, for the dismissal of a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a building separation of 11 feet 5 inches in lieu of the required 20 feet from the northeast garage to the structure at 2133 Norwood Street and from Section 12.21-C,2(b) to permit a passageway to access a unit with a width of 2 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet (Note: the applicant withdrew this request at the public hearing stating it was deemed unnecessary upon further consideration by the Department of Building and Safety), and the denial of the environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2009-1837-MND. [LW]

Applicant: Rodolfo Brambila Ortiz

Rep.: Carolina Abrego-Pineda, Abrego-Pineda Consulting

Appellant: Same

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the appeal; Sustain the Zoning Administrator's decision 1) for the denial of a) a Zone Variance to permit the legalization of two apartment units, one with 636 square feet of lot area in lieu of the required 1,500 square feet, and one with zero feet of lot area in lieu of the 1,500 feet of lot area as otherwise required by the Code, in conjunction with conversion of an existing four-unit apartment building to seven units (two proposed under variance and one allowed by-right), all in conjunction with the continued use and maintenance of the other existing four-unit apartment building at 2133 Norwood Street, for a total 11-units in lieu of the permitted 9 units on a 14,200 square-foot parcel in the RD1.5-1-O-HPOZ Zone, and b) a Variance from to permit two new parking spaces(in association with a multi-family dwelling of more than two units), both of which require that automobiles back up onto a Collector Street (Norwood Street), and 2) for the dismissal of a Zoning Administrator's Adjustment to permit a building separation of 11 feet 5 inches in lieu of the required 20 feet from the northeast garage to the structure at 2133 Norwood Street and to permit a passageway to access a unit with a width of 2 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet (Note: the applicant withdrew this request at the public hearing stating it was deemed unnecessary upon further consideration by the Department of Building and Safety), and the denial of the environmental clearance Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2009-1837-MND.

Staff: Linn K. Wyatt (213) 978-1318

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (This requirement is in addition to any other hearing required or imposed by law.)

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SUBMIT A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM. ALL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Individual testimony within the public comment period shall be limited as follows:

- (a) For non-agendized matters, up to three (3) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject.
- (b) For agendized matters, up to two (2) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THESE ITEMS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EACH ITEM IS CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION. The Chair of the Commission may allocate the number of speakers per subject, the time allotted each subject, and the time allotted each speaker.

The next regular meeting of the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission will be held at **4:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, **April 5, 2011**, at the:

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Los Angeles, CA 90044

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