

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012, after 8:30 a.m.
JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL ROOM 340
200 N. SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

MINUTES OF LOS ANGELES CITY 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 DISCS 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 William Roschen at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners present: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Lessin, Perlman

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments
 - 1. Ongoing Status Reports: Deputy Director Alan Bell represented the Department and spoke on the hiring of 7 planning assistants, Zone Code Reform and changes to the USC Specific Plan.
 - 2. City Council/PLUM Calendar and Actions
 - 3. List of Pending Legislation (Ordinance Update)
- B. Legal actions and rulings update
- C. Other items of interest:

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar
- B. Commission Request
- C. Minutes of Meeting – September 27, 2012

Motion:

To approve the Minutes of Meeting for September 27, 2012.

Moved: Perlman
Seconded: Lessin
Ayes: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Roschen
Vacant: One

Vote: 6 - 0

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No speakers

4. **FREEWAY ADJACENT ADVISORY NOTICE**

CEQA: N/A

Plan Areas: Citywide

Council Districts: All

Expiration Date: N/A

Appeal Status: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING - N/A

Location: City Wide

A Zoning Information (ZI) File affecting all parcels within a defined buffer distance of all freeways in the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed Project:

Approval of an Advisory Notice to Applicants as directed by the City Planning Commission for applications for new residential projects or expansions of existing residential uses and other types of sensitive uses in close proximity to freeways.

The Advisory Notice is not a new policy, plan or guideline; rather, it is an informational document for the purpose of calling attention to existing adopted goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the General Plan that address land use compatibility with respect to the siting near freeways of new residential development and sensitive land uses. The Notice summarizes standard project conditions commonly applied to freeway-adjacent residential projects and recommends project design features that could help to improve public health outcomes. The Advisory Notice would not create additional discretionary review or otherwise modify established thresholds of CEQA review.

Requested Actions:

1. Endorse the Advisory Notice to Applicants.
2. Determine whether the appropriate buffer distance from freeways shall be 500 feet, 750 feet or 1,000 feet (applicability of the advisory notice).
3. Instruct the Department of City Planning to flag parcels within the appropriate buffer distance on the Department's online Zoning Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS).

Applicant: City Planning Commission

Recommended Actions:

1. Endorse the creation of an Advisory Notice as a Zoning Information (ZI) File.
2. Determine the appropriate buffer distance or range of distances from freeways relative to the applicability of the advisory notice.
3. Instruct the Department of City Planning to flag parcels within the appropriate buffer distance from freeways, apply the Zoning Information File to these parcels, and make the information widely accessible to applicants.

Staff: Michelle Levy (213) 978-1198

Motion:

To continue the matter to the November 8, 2012 City Planning Commission meeting. By consent.

Moved: Roschen

Ayes: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Lessin, Perlman

Absent: Burton, Romero

Vacant: One

Vote: 6 - 0

5. **CPC-2008-2142-CA**
CEQA: ENV-2008-2143-CE
Plan Areas: All

Council Districts: All
Expiration Date: N/A
Appeal Status: N/A

LIMITED PUBLIC HEARING

Continued from the September 13, 2012 meeting of the City Planning Commission

Location: City Wide

Proposed Project:

A proposed ordinance amending Sections 14.4.2 and 14.4.20 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and amending Sections 5.111.2 & 22.116 and adding Section 22.119 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code to allow for the creation and preservation of Original Art Murals and Public Art Installations on private property.

Requested Actions:

1. Adopt the staff report as its report on the subject.
2. Adopt the findings.
3. Adopt the Categorical Exemption No. **ENV-2008-2143-CE** as the CEQA clearance on the subject.
4. Approve the proposed ordinance and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt the staff report as its report on the subject.
2. Adopt the findings.
3. Adopt the Categorical Exemption No. **ENV-2008-2143-CE** as the CEQA clearance on the subject.
4. Approve the proposed ordinance and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

Staff: Thomas Rothmann (213) 978-1891

Motion:

To approve the proposed ordinance per staff recommendations with modified and added conditions of approval. Adopted ENV-2008-2143-CE.

Moved: Roschen
Seconded: Lessin
Ayes: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Perlman
Absent: Burton, Romero
Vacant: One

Vote: 6 – 0

6. **CPC-2009-598-SP**
CEQA: ENV-2009-599-EIR
Plan Area: Central City North-Northeast Los Angeles-
Silverlake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 1 – Reyes
Expiration Date: N/A
Appeal Status: Not appealable

LIMITED PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held on August 30, 2012

Location: VARIOUS

The project area is located in portions of the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans. The project is bounded by the intersection of San Fernando Boulevard and Avenue 26 on the north; Pasadena Avenue and the Golden State Freeway (I-5) on the east; Main Street for the portion of the project east of the Los Angeles River (River) and the railroad right of way for the portion of the project west of the River on the south; and Broadway Boulevard on the west. The project area includes portions of the Chinatown and Lincoln Heights communities. The River and the Golden State Freeway bisect the project area north to south and the Arroyo Seco and Arroyo Seco Parkway run east to west through the northeastern section of the project area. The project area includes the Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park Goldline Station and immediately abuts the Chinatown Station and the Heritage Square Station in the southwest and northeast corners of the project area respectively.

Proposed Project:

Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan: The Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan (Proposed Plan) revises land use and zoning, and introduces new building form, urban design, open space, parking, conservation, performance, and street standards to reflect recent shifts in existing conditions such as the opening of the Gold Line, the completion of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP), and the pending development of the Los Angeles State Historic Park (LASHP). The Proposed Plan includes revisions to the Citywide General Plan Framework Element, Transportation Element, and General Plan Land Use designations; Zone changes; and Street Reclassifications.

Requested Actions:

1. Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 11.5.6 of the Municipal Code and City Charter Sections 555 and 558, amend the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles, as modified in the Plan Resolution, the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan, and Corresponding Zone and Land Use Changes.
2. Pursuant to Section 12.32 of the Municipal Code, rezoning actions to effect changes of zone as identified on the Land Use Designation Map and Zone Change Map.
3. Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 11.5.6 of the Municipal Code and City Charter Sections 555 and 558, amend the Highways and Freeways Map of the Transportation Element of the General plan to reclassify selected streets within the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, and Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as shown on the Street Redesignation Matrix.
4. Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report **ENV-2009-599-EIR** in its determination approving the Proposed Plan, and transmit the EIR to the City Council for certification.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Recommended Actions:

1. Conduct a limited public hearing on the Proposed Plan, as modified in the staff report.
2. Approve the Staff Report as the Commission's Report on the subject.
3. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan, Land Use Change Maps amending the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles, as modified.
4. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the requested zoning actions to effect the changes of zone as identified in the Zone Change Ordinance and Map.
5. Instruct the Department of City Planning to finalize the necessary zone change ordinances to be presented to City Council, and make other technical corrections as necessary.
6. Authorize the Director of Planning to present the resolution and Plan to the Mayor and City Council, in accordance with Sections 555 and 558 of the City Charter.
7. Amend the Highways and Freeways Map of the Transportation Element of the General Plan to reclassify selected streets within the Central City North, Northeast Los Angeles, Silverlake/Echo Park/Elysian Valley Community Plans as shown in the Street Modification Table in the Cornfield

- Arroyo Seco Specific Plan and the Modified Street Cross-Sections A2. in the Plan's Appendices.
8. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt the Administrative Code Amendment establishing the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Floor Area Trust Fund.
 9. Find that the City Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the Environmental Impact Report **ENV-2009-599-EIR** in its determination approving the Proposed Plan, and transmit the EIR to the City Council for certification.
 10. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations.
 11. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Findings, including the Environmental Findings.
 12. Approve and Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Plan included as Appendix A1. in the Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan.

Staff: Claire Bowin (213) 978-1213

Motion:

To continue the matter to the November 8, 2012 City Planning Commission meeting.

Moved: Roschen
Seconded: Freer
Ayes: Cardoso, Hovaguimian, Lessin,
Absent: Burton, Perlman, Romero
Vacant: One

Vote: 5 - 0

7. **CPC-2012-1473-GPA** Council District: 11 – Rosendahl
CEQA: ENV-2012-1474-ND Expiration Date: N/A
Plan Area: Westchester-Playa Del Rey Appeal Status: Not appealable

PUBLIC HEARING
CONSENT REQUEST

Location: OSAGE AVENUE from Manchester Ave. south to the City Boundary line at the City of Inglewood.

Proposed Project:

The vacation of 645 feet of Osage Avenue between Manchester Avenue and the city of Los Angeles boundary.

Requested Actions:

1. An amendment to the Westchester-Playa del Rey Community Plan to redesignate 645 feet of Osage Avenue between Manchester Avenue and the City of Los Angeles boundary from a collector street to a local street.
2. Consideration of Negative Declaration No. **ENV-2012-1474-ND**.

Applicant: Serrano Development Group
Representative: Marcus Long

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve the Plan amendment as requested.
2. Approve and recommend that the Mayor approve and the City Council adopt the proposed

amendment to the Westchester-Playa del Rey Community Plan to redesignate 645 feet of Osage Avenue between Manchester Avenue and the City of Los Angeles boundary line from a collector street to a local street.

3. Approve and recommend that the City Council adopt Negative Declaration No. **ENV-2012-1474-ND**.
4. Adopt the Findings for the Plan Amendment.
5. Advise the applicant that pursuant to State Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, a Fish and Game Fee and/or certificate of Fee Exemption is now required to be submitted to the County Clerk prior to or concurrent with the Environmental Notice of Determination (NOD) filing.

Staff: Marc Woerschling (213) 978-1470

Motion:

To approve per staff recommendations. Approved by consent.

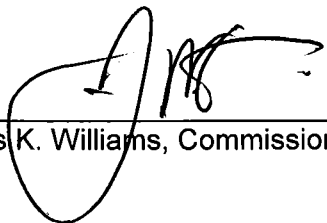
Moved: Perlman
Seconded: Hovaguimian
Ayes: Cardoso, Freer, Lessin, Roschen
Absent: Burton, Romero
Vacant: One

Vote: 6 - 0

There being no further business to come before the City Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



William Roschen, Commission President



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II

Adopted: 10/25/12