

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012, after 8:30 a.m.
VAN NUYS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER – SECOND FLOOR
14410 SYLVAN STREET, VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91401

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 8:40 a.m.
Commissioners present: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Lessin, Perlman, Romero
Commissioners absent: Burton Vacant: One

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments
 - 1. Ongoing Status Reports: Michael LoGrande spoke on the adoption of the USC Master Plan including 20 million in community benefits. Two Quality & Productivity awards for customer service and Survey LA. Release of South LA Draft Community Plans. Code Studio to consult on the 1946 Zoning Code (less entitlements and better compliance).

Ken Bernstein announced open house for San Pedro Community Plan on 1-6-13
 - 2. City Council/PLUM Calendar and Actions
 - 3. List of Pending Legislation (Ordinance Update)
- B. Legal actions and rulings update – Michael Bostrom gave an update on digital signage litigation (Summit Media, Clear Channel, CBS vs. City of Los Angeles)
- C. Other items of interest:

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar - Commissioner Freer on vacation 1-24-13
- B. Commission Requests – Commissioner Freer inquired about “Open House workshops” for the Commission to attend. Dates given in response were 1-15-13 (West Adams), 1-31-13 (Sylmar), and a date to be decided in Feb. 2013 (Granada Hills)
Commissioner Roschen requested an update on the Health Element
- C. Minutes of Meeting – November 29, 2012

Motion:

To postpone the Minutes of Meeting for November 29, 2012 to the next meeting. By consent.

Vote: 7 – 0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers

4. 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

CONTINUED FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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 approve the project as recommended by staff, with modifications, technical corrections and legal adjustments.

Moved: Roschen

Seconded: Freer

Ayes: Cardoso, Hovaguimian, Lessin, Perlman, Romero

Absent: Burton

Vacant: One

Vote: 7 – 0

5. **CPC-2011-2300-CA**
CEQA: ENV-2011-2301-ND
Plan Area: Citywide

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Location: Citywide

Proposed Project:

The proposed ordinance modifies Section 11.5.4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require that select discretionary projects comply with the Citywide Design Guidelines adopted by the City Planning Commission and makes minor technical corrections.

Requested Actions:

1. Adopt the staff report as the Commission's report on the subject.
2. Adopt the Findings.
3. Consideration of Negative Declaration No. **ENV-2011-2301-ND**.
4. Approve the proposed ordinance and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve the proposed ordinance and recommend its adoption by the City Council.
2. Adopt the staff report as the Commission's report on the subject.
3. Adopt the Findings.
4. Adopt Negative Declaration No. **ENV-2011-2301-ND**.

Staff: Deborah Kahen (213) 978-1202

Motion:

To approve the project as recommended by staff.

Moved: Roschen

Seconded: Perlman

Ayes: Cardoso, Freer, Hovaguimian, Lessin, Romero

Absent: Burton

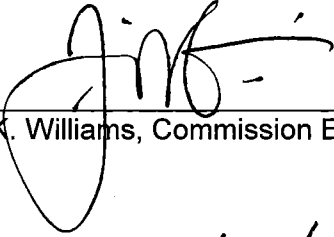
Vacant: One

Vote: 7 – 0

There being no further business to come before the City Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



William Roschen, Commission President



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II

Adopted: _____

1/24/13