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East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Ramona Hall Community Center
4580 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90065

MINUTES OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE HEARING RECORDINGS 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 **www.planning.lacity.org**.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Executive Assistant Randa Hanna at 4:38 p.m.

Commissioners present: Christopher Arellano, Donna Choi, Tammy Membreno, Teri Stein, and George Villanueva.

The Commission Executive Assistant requested that the Commissioners choose a member to chair the meeting.

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Arellano to chair tonight's meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Stein
Seconded: Commissioner Choi
Ayes: Commissioners Membreno, Villanueva, and Arellano

Vote: 5 - 0

1. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT - ITEMS OF INTEREST

Nothing to report.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar – There is one case scheduled for the October 8th meeting. All commissioners are available that day.
- B. Commission Requests – No requests at this time.
- C. Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2014.

Motion: To approve the Minutes from June 25, 2014.

Moved: Commissioner Choi
Seconded: Commissioner Membreno
Ayes: Commissioners Stein, Villanueva, and Arellano
Absent:

Vote: 5 – 0

D. Election of Officers

To elect a Commission President

Motion: To elect a Commissioner Arellano as the Commission President

Moved: Commissioner Villanueva
Seconded: Commissioner Membreno
Ayes: Commissioners Choi, Stein, and Arellano

Vote: 5 - 0

To elect a Commission Vice President

Motion: To elect a Commissioner Choi as the Commission Vice President

Moved: Commissioner Membreno
Seconded: Commissioner Villanueva
Ayes: Commissioners Stein, Arellano, and Choi

Vote: 5 - 0

3. **ZA-2013-3331-ZV-1A**

CEQA: ENV-2013-3332-MND

Council District: 14

Plan: Boyle Heights

Expiration Date: 9/17/14

Appeal Status: Further Appealable to City Council if approved

PUBLIC HEARING

Location: 2837 Michigan Avenue

Requested Action:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to **Deny**, pursuant to Charter Section 562 and Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27-B, a Variance from Section 12.09-A of the Code to allow conversion of an existing single-family dwelling into a duplex resulting in a total of three dwelling units on a lot in the R2 Zone.

APPLICANT: **Rodolfo & Maria de Jesus Barcenas**
Representative: A. Carolina Abrego-Pineda

APPELLANT: Same

Recommended Action:

Deny the appeal; **Sustain the decision of the Zoning Administrator to Deny**, pursuant to Charter Section 562 and Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27-B, a Variance from Section 12.09-A of the Code to allow conversion of an existing single-family dwelling into a duplex resulting in a total of three dwelling units on a lot in the R2 Zone. And **adopt** the action of the lead agency in not adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2013-3332-MND as the environmental clearance for this action.

Staff: Sue Chang (213) 978-3304

DISCUSSION:

The Zoning Administrator gave a brief summary of the zone variance case to the Commission. The Senior City Planner gave a brief description of the Boyle Heights community plan. The Commission had many clarifying questions to the staff regarding the case. The applicant's representative spoke, followed by one speaker in support of the appeal. The Commissioners discussed the case at length and asked questions. The applicant's representative requested a continuance to try to get the Neighborhood Council's support and to seek legal advice. The Commission President made a motion to continue the case to the next meeting in October; however, it was not seconded. The majority of the commission was not in favor of this request since they saw that the continuance will not make substantial change in the findings. A second motion was made.

MOTION:

To deny the appeal; sustain the decision of the Zoning Administrator, pursuant to Charter Section 562 and Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27-B, to Deny a Variance from Section 12.09-A of the Code to allow conversion of an existing single-family dwelling into a duplex resulting in a total of three dwelling units on a lot in the R2 Zone. And adopt the action of the lead agency in not adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2013-3332-MND as the environmental clearance for this action.

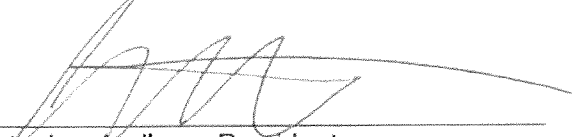
Moved: Commissioner Stein
Seconded: Commissioner Choi
Ayes: Commissioners Membreno and Villanueva
Nays: Commissioner Arellano

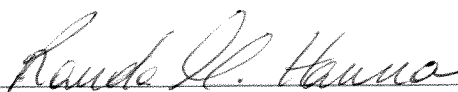
Vote: 4 - 1

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

There being no further business to come before the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Christopher Arellano, President

Randa M. Hanna, Commission Executive Assistant
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Adopted on October 08, 2014

