

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility
11214 W. Exposition Boulevard, Second Floor, Roll Call Room
Los Angeles, CA 90064

MINUTES OF THE WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUDIO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. AUDIO RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE ONLINE AT planning.lacity.org.

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas Donovan at 4:34 p.m., with Commissioners Esther Margulies, Marian Merritt, and Lisa Waltz Morocco present. Commissioner Joseph Halper was absent.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Senior Planner Theodore Irving spoke on the Mobility Plan and Small Lot Ordinances.

ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar
- B. Commission Requests
Building & Safety to speak on Orders to Comply.
- C. Approval of the Minutes – January 20, 2016

Motion: To approve the January 20, 2016 Minutes of Meeting.

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Waltz-Morocco
Ayes: Donovan, Merritt

Vote: 4 - 0

Commissioner Donovan announced that Items No. 4 and 5 would be taken out of order – to consider a continuation request - and heard together, as they are related, but a separate action would be taken on each matter.

ITEMS NO. 4 and 5

ZA-2014-3174-CDP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2014-3175-CE
Community Plan: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin
Last Day to Act: 02-17-16

PUBLIC HEARING – Continued from October 21, 2015 and December 16, 2015

PROJECT SITE: 733 West Oxford Avenue

ZA-2014-3176-CDP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2014-3175-CE
Community Plan: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin
Last Day to Act: 02-17-16

PUBLIC HEARING – Continued from October 21, 2015 and December 16, 2015

PROJECT SITE: 731 West Oxford Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Kaplan, the applicant's representatives, and Kristina Kropp, the appellants' representative.

MOTION FOR ZA-2014-3174-CDP-1A:

Commissioner Margulies moved to continue the matter to the February 17, 2016 meeting, Commissioner Waltz Morocco seconded the motion and vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Merritt
Ayes: Donovan, Waltz-Morocco
Absent: Halper

Vote: 4 - 0

Motion Passed

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Commissioner Margulies moved to continue the matter to the February 17, 2016 meeting, Commissioner Waltz Morocco seconded the motion and vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Merritt
Ayes: Donovan, Waltz-Morocco
Absent: Halper

Vote: 4 - 0

Motion Passed

ITEM NO. 3

DIR-2015-1689-DRB-SPP-SPPA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2015-1690-CE
Community Plan: Westwood

Council District: 5 - Koretz
Last Day to Act: 02-03-16

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED.

PROJECT SITE: 1100 South Westwood Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE

Sheila Gershon, representing the Planning Department; Nguyen Nguyen, the applicant's representative, Jim Brooks, appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Margulies put forth the actions below in conjunction with the following project:

Minor façade improvements and two new wall signs to be placed at a height of 22 feet in lieu of the maximum allowable wall sign height of 20 feet.

1. **Grant** the appeal.
2. **Overturn** the Director's Determination to approve façade improvements, thereby denying the entirety of the project.
3. **Adopt** the attached amended Findings.
4. **Do not find** the project is Categorically Exempt No. ENV-2015-1690-CE from environmental review.

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Merritt
Ayes: Donovan, Waltz Morocco
Absent: Halper

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers for public comment.

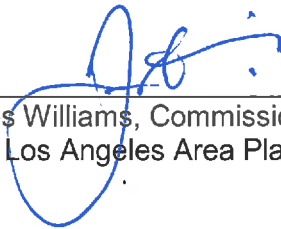
There being no further business to come before the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Esther Margulies, Commissioner
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Joseph W. Halper, Commissioner
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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