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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
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 Commission President, Esther Margulies at 4:33 p.m. with Commissioners Halper, Newhouse, and Rozman. Commissioner Waltz Morocco.

Also in attendance were Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant, Rafael Vega, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Rocky Wiles, Commission Office Manager.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner made the following announcements:

- On November 9, 2017, the City Planning Commission approved the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan with some modifications.
- The Department of City Planning will be updating several elements of the General Plan along with the Community Plans. The Department is currently hiring additional staff to accelerate the Community Plan Program with the goal of updating all 35 Community Plans by 2024 and the General Plan process to be completed by 2020.
- The Health and Mobility Elements and the Housing Element were recently adopted and future updates include a Community and Cultural Element, Economy Element, Open Space and Urban Form. There is a new element called Resilience, which will address disaster planning.

In addition, she provided the following updates to previous Commission inquiries:

- On the status of the Short Term Rental Home Sharing Ordinance:
The ordinance is awaiting consideration by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. On the status of the Fee Increase Ordinance, specifically on the appeal fee increase, the appeal fee portion of the comprehensive fee study ordinance has been separated out and is being considered from the remainder of the proposal. City Council adopted the general fee increases in August 2017 except for the appeal fee.
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ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar
Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner, requested to move Case No. DIR-2016-2679-CDP-MEL-1A from the meeting of December 6, 2017, to December 20, 2017. The request was accepted by the Commission.
- B. Commission Requests:
There were no requests from the Commission.
- C. Approval of the Minutes:
Commissioner Halper moved to approve the minutes of November 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Halper
Second: Margulies
Ayes: Newhouse, Rozman
Absent: Waltz Morocco

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

Commissioner Waltz Morocco joined the meeting at 4:44 p.m. during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

[DIR-2016-2206-CDP-MEL-1A](#)

CEQA: ENV-2016-2205-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 - Bonin

Last Day to Act: N/A

Continued from: 09-06-17
and 10-04-17

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

SITE AREA: 2412 South Clement Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Khau, Planning Assistant and Juliet Oh, City Planner, representing the Planning Department; Steve Kaplan, representative for the applicant; and Richard Stanger, appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Newhouse put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following project:

The demolition of an existing one-story, single-family residence and the construction of a new two-story, 3,001 square-foot single-family home with a roof deck and an attached two-car garage on a lot located in the single permit jurisdiction area of the California Coastal Zone.

1. **Determine** that based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the City CEQA Guidelines, Section 1, Class 3 and Class 32, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
2. **Deny** the appeal **sustain** the Director of Planning's determination to conditionally approve a Coastal Development Permit for the project;
3. **Adopt** the Conditions of Approval; and
4. **Adopt** the findings.

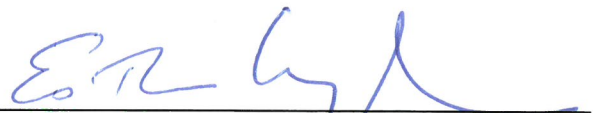
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Halper and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Newhouse
Second: Halper
Ayes: Rozman, Waltz Morocco
Nays: Margulies

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission President Margulies adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Esther Margulies, President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Cecilia Lamas
Commission Executive Assistant

ADOPTED

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