

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
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 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 Christopher Arellano at 4:35 p.m. with Commissioners Choi and Leung present. Commissioners Alarcon and Stein were absent.

Also in attendance were Blake Lamb, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant and Rafael Vega, Senior Administrative Assistant.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Blake Lamb, Senior City Planner made the following announcements:

- Today, December 13, 2017, the City Council approved the Affordable Housing Linkage Fee Ordinance. The fee will be a phased process.
- In October the State of California adopted a significant number of new housing bills that will go into effect on January 1, 2018. They will impact some of the processes and procedures of the Planning Department and the department has been working internally to make sure all forms and processes are up to date in order to be ready for those bills.
- The City Planning Department is aiming to fill a total of seventy vacant positions in 2018, to bring the department total to four hundred fifty employees.
- A few months ago the department contracted with Management Partners, they are a consulting group made up of former City Planning Directors, Managers and former City staff. The goal is to look at our departments functionally to provide input for ways of potential reorganization and help determine what the focus should be for 2018.
- Two weeks ago a proposed pet ordinance was introduced and a hearing was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017. The ordinance will allow for pet shops and animal adoption facilities in commercial zones where previously they were only allowed in industrial zones.

ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Advance Calendar:
Commissioner Leung stated she would not be available for the February 28, 2018 Commission meeting.
- B. Commission Requests
There were no requests by the Commission.
- C. Approval of the Minutes – February 10, 2016 and November 8, 2017.
Commissioner Choi moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016 and November 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leung, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Choi
Second: Leung
Ayes: Arellano
Absent: Alarcon, Stein

Vote: 3 - 0

MOTION PASSED

- D. Revision to the Submittal Guidelines adopted in the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures.
This item was postponed to the next regular meeting.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers who requested to address the Commission during public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

AA-2016-3793-PMLA-SL-1A

CEQA: ENV-2016-3794-CE

Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 13 – O' Farrell

Last Day to Act: 12-17-17

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 1347 North Lucile Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Azeen Khanmalek, City Planning Associate and Kevin Golden, City Planner, representing the Planning Department; Larry Mondragon, Craig Fry & Associates, LLC, representing the applicant; and Michelle Chihara, representing the appellant.

MOTION:

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

A Preliminary Parcel map for the subdivision of three (3) small lots for the construction of three (3), three-story, 34 feet in height, small lot dwellings with a total of six parking spaces on a 7,350 square-foot site. The Project involves the demolition of an existing single-family dwelling.

1. **Determine** based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 (Class 15) , 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 and **sustain** the Deputy Advisory Agency's determination to approve a Preliminary Parcel Map for the project;
3. **Adopt** the Conditions of Approval; and
4. **Adopt** the Findings.

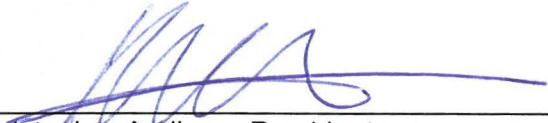
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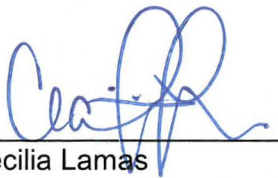
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MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Christopher Arellano, President
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Cecilia Lamas
Commission Executive Assistant

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