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South Valley Area Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Constituent Service Center
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, First Floor Meeting Room
Van Nuys, California 91401

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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. with Commissioners Menedjian, Bishop, Dierking, and Mather present.

Commissioner Beatty was not in attendance.

Also present were Christine Saponara, Senior City Planner, representing the Director of Planning, Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney, Rafael Vega, Commission Executive Assistant, and Bianca Gonzalez, Office Trainee.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Directors Report:** Christine Saponara, Senior City Planner reported on the following:
 - On May 6-7, 2019, City of Los Angeles Planning hosted two 101 Training sessions that represent the second and third in a series of seven sessions that will be held throughout the City in the month of May. Sessions pertain to the South Valley areas and highlight the regulations that protect the environment.
 - On May 7, 2019, City of Los Angeles Planning Director Vince Bertoni and Los Angeles County Amy Bodek Director of Regional Planning participated in an event hosted by the APA on the region's current planning initiatives.
 - Citywide Planning statistics on number of applications completed this week May April 29 – May 3: 158; Entitlements: 34; Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019: 5789; Entitlements: 1,554.
- **Advanced Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Commission Requests:** Commissioner Dierking requested from the Planning Department a sense of cases and how many are destined to appear before the South Valley Area Planning Commission based on the Planning Statistics.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Bishop moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2019. Commissioner Dierking seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Bishop
Seconded: Dierking
Ayes: Menedjian, Mather

Absent: Beatty

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items taken up for reconsideration.

ITEM NO. 5

APCSV-2018-5237-ZC

CEQA: ENV-2018-5235-CE

Plan Area: Reseda – West Van Nuys

Council District: 6 - Martinez

Last Day to Act: 05-10-19

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed February 19, 2019.

PROJECT SITE: 6701 – 6707 North Valjean Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Ayars, City Planning Associate, and Christine Saponara, Senior City Planner, representing the Department; and Anthony Russo, Applicant's representative.

MOTION

Commissioner Dierking put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following Project:

The proposed Project involves a 8,397 square-foot addition to an existing 16,716 square-foot warehouse, resulting in a building with a total floor area of 25, 653 square-feet.

1. Determine based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;

2. Approve and recommend that the City Council adopt, pursuant to Section 12.32 F of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Zone Change from M1-1-RIO and P-1- RIO to (T)(Q)M1-1-RIO;
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
4. Adopt the Findings.

Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Dierking
Seconded: Bishop
Ayes: Menedjian, Mather
Absent: Beatty

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

DIR-2018-1452-BSA-1A

CEQA: N/A

Plan Area: Sherman Oaks – Studio City
Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass

Council District: 4 - Ryu
Last Day to Act: 05-11-19

PUBLIC HEARING Required

PROJECT SITE: 7123 Macapa Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charlie Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator, and Christine Saponara, Senior City Planner, representing the Department; Mitch Menzer, Macapa Drive Homeowners, Appellant; R.C. Thornton, applicant; and Kevin K. McDonnell, Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP., Applicant's representative.

Commission President Lydia Drew Mather recessed the meeting at 6:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. with Commissioners Dierking, Bishop, and Menedjian present.

MOTION

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

Construction of a single-family dwelling, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and related structures.

1. Deny the appeal and sustain the Planning Director's determination dated February 8, 2019, pursuant to Section 12.26 K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to deny an appeal from the determination by the Department of Building and Safety, that it did not err or abuse its discretion in its issuance of Building Permit No. 17010-20000-05007; and
2. Adopt the Findings.

Commissioner Mather seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Dierking
Seconded: Mather
Ayes: Menedjian, Bishop
Absent: Beatty

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mather recessed the meeting at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Commissioners Dierking, Bishop, and Menedjian present.

MOTION

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1. Deny the appeal and sustain the Planning Director's determination dated February 8, 2019, pursuant to Section 12.26 K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to deny an appeal from the determination by the Department of Building and Safety, that it did not err or abuse its discretion in its issuance of Building Permit Nos. 16014-20000-05787, 16014-20001-05787, 12014-70000-04500; and
2. Adopt the Findings.

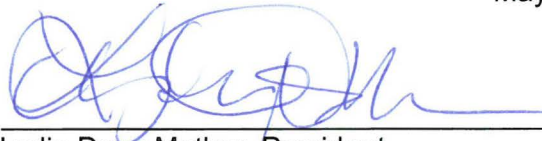
Commissioner Mather seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Dierking
Seconded: Mather
Ayes: Menedjian
Nay: Bishop
Absent: Beatty

Vote: 3 – 1

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Lydia Drew Mather, President
South Valley Area Planning Commission



Rafael Vega, Commission Executive Assistant
South Valley Area Planning Commission

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