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South Valley Area Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday, August 22, 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 4:32 p.m. with Commissioners Rebecca Beatty, Raymond Bishop, Lydia Mather, Anna Menedjian, by Commission President Mark Dierking.

Also present were Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner, representing the Director of Planning, Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney, Rafael Vega, Commission Executive Assistant, and Bianca Gonzalez, Services Assistant.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Directors Report:** Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner, reported on the following:
 - On August 24, 2019 the City of Los Angeles Planning Department hosted the third of four Southeast Valley Concept workshops for the community plan update effort in the southeast valley. Discussions consisted of a vision of how communities in the southeast valley will grow and the quality of life will be enhanced for the next 20 years. Other plans to be discussed are housing and employment, increased access to the L.A. river and washes, as well as historic preservation tools.
 - On August 20, 2019 the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee amended the City’s Draft Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance to prohibit the construction of new ADUs in the City’s hillside areas which are located in very high fire severity zones, except in instances when the ADU contains an automatic sprinkler system, provides one additional off street parking space, is on a lot that fronts 20 foot wide improved roadway, or is created through the conversion of existing habitable space. Hillside requirements would apply city wide, except to the Northeast area of Los Angeles; Silverlake, Echo Park, Elysian Valley Community Plan areas where ADUs would be permitted outright. The PLUM Committee instructed the City Attorney to prepare the final Ordinance.
- **Advance Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests from the Commission.

- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Beatty moved to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2019. Commissioner Bishop seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsideration

ITEM NO. 5

DIR-2018-5371-DRB-SPP-MSP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-5372-CE
Plan Area: Bel Air – Beverly Crest

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Continued From: 07-15-2019
Last Day to Act: 08-22-2019

PUBLIC HEARING Held

PROJECT SITE: 8414 Edwin Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dominick Ortiz, City Planning Assistant, Courtney Schoenwald, City Planner, Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner, representing the Department and Victor Cuevas, Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety; Caspar Martin, Appellant, Stephen Weaver, Weaver Land Law, Appellant's representative; Raphael Berry, Applicant; and David Rivera, TWG Architects, Inc., Applicant's representative.

Commission President Mark Dierking recessed the meeting at 5:41 p.m. and reconvened at 5:53 p.m. with Commissioners Beatty, Bishop, Mather, and Menedjian present.

MOTION

Commissioner Bishop put forth the actions below in conjunction with the denial of the following Project:

Construction of two new retaining walls, associated grading, and backfill. The Project includes the reworking of the existing entry with new stairs and entry gate door. Retaining walls are 181 feet in length and vary from 2 feet to 8 feet tall. The Project also includes a new masonry side yard fence (non-retaining) with a height of 6 feet and a length of 50 feet, 3 inches. The Project is located on an 11,291 square foot RE15-1-H-HCR zoned lot. The Project does not propose the removal of any protected trees. The Project requires 77 cubic yards of cut, 58 cubic yards of fill, 19 cubic yards of export, and no import.

1. Grant the appeal and overturn the Planning Director's determination dated April 16, 2019; and
2. Adopt the findings as amended by the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 2

MOTION PASSED

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



Mark Dierking, President
South Valley Area Planning Commission



Rafael Vega, Commission Executive Assistant
South Valley Area Planning Commission

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