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West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Henry Medina West L.A. Parking Enforcement Facility
11214 W. Exposition Boulevard, Second Floor, Roll Call Room
Los Angeles, CA 90064

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The meeting was called to order by Commission President Michael Newhouse at 4:38 p.m., along with Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco and Commissioners Heather Rozman, Esther Margulies and Adele Yellin in attendance.

Also in attendance were Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; Diego Vazquez and Denise Otero, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director’s Report:**

Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner, reported on the following items of interest:

- Responded to Commission question about 600-800 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) blocked by the Department of Water and Power from proceeding. Most ADU’s located within ten feet of a power line trigger clearance by DWP. The majority of these applications have been cleared. There will be a status update soon.
- City Planning is forming a memo on implementation of the ADU ordinance. Moveable Tiny Houses have been added along with specific regulations.
- SB330 went into effect on January 1, 2020.

Jonathan Hershey, Senior City Planner - Update on the Mello Ordinance.

- The draft of the Mello Act Ordinance was discussed at public meetings in San Pedro and Venice.
- Shared a fact sheet, comparison chart and a complete copy of the proposed ordinance.
- Some of the speaking points included how affordable units are decided upon, off-site units, in-lieu fees, feasibility studies and alternatives to the proposal. For more information email planning.mello@lacity.org.

- **Advance Calendar:** Planned absences include Commissioner Rozman absent from the Feb. 19, 2020 meeting, Commissioner Newhouse will be tentative for August 5, 2020 and absent on August 19, 2020 and Commissioner Waltz Morocco absent from the April 15, 2020 meeting.

- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests from the Commission.

- **Approval of the Minutes:**

MOTION:

Commissioner Margulies moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019, November 20, 2019 and December 4, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Yellin
Ayes: Newhouse, Rozman, Waltz Morocco

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests.

ITEM NO. 5

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CEQA: ENV-2019-939-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Last Day to Act: N/A

Continued from 12-4-19

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 15245 West De Pauw Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner representing the Planning Department; Doug Roy representing Louis Magur, Applicant; Finn Olaf Jones, Appellant #1 and Bill Molinski, Appellant #2

MOTION:

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

Construction of a new, approximately 248 square-foot covered porch addition on the first floor and an uncovered deck addition with solar panels above an existing two-story 3,900 square-foot single-family dwelling, a new detached concrete deck, and grading required for the work.

1. Grant the appeals and overturn the Director of Planning's October 11, 2019 determination;
2. Deny, pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.20.2 O, an Amendment to Coastal Development Permit case no. ZA-2000-3281(CDP) for the construction of a new, approximately 248 square-foot covered porch addition on the first floor and an uncovered deck addition with solar panels above to an existing two-story 3,900 square-foot single-family dwelling, a new detached concrete deck, and grading required for the work, all located in the single permit jurisdiction area of the Coastal Zone; and
3. Adopt the findings as amended by the Commission.

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

Moved: Margulies
Seconded: Yellin
Ayes: Newhouse, Rozman, Waltz Morocco

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Commissioner Newhouse adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Lisa Waltz Morocco, Vice President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Esther Margulies, Commissioner
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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

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