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Harbor Area Planning Commission Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Harbor Gateway Public Library
24000 South Western Avenue, Meeting Room
Harbor City, CA 90710

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The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice President, Mona Sutton at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners James Dimon, Mitchell Harmatz and Amber Sheikh Ginsberg present.

Commissioner Esther Hatch was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were, Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney; Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant; and Marcos G. Godoy, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner had no report.
- There were no planned absences from the Commission.
- There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Dimon moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sutton and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Dimon
Second: Sutton
Ayes: Harmatz
Abstain: Sheikh Ginsberg
Absent: Hatch

Vote: 3 – 1

MOTION PASSED

- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Sheikh Ginsberg moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harmatz and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sheikh Ginsberg
Second: Harmatz
Ayes: Sutton
Abstain: Dimon
Absent: Hatch

Vote: 3 – 1

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 5

VTT-82249-SL-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-4435-CE
Plan Area: Harbor Gateway

Council District: 15 - Buscaino
Last Day to Act: 09-05-19

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 1600 West Plaza del Amo

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Como, City Planner and Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner, representing the Planning Department; Jay Ahluwalia and Larry Carr, Storm Properties, Inc., applicant's representatives; Aksel Palacios, Planning, representing the Office of Councilmember Buscaino.

MOTION:

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

A Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-82249- SL for a maximum 41 lots in the Harbor Gateway Community Plan.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332 (Infill Development), 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 and sustain the Advisory Agency's determination to approve, pursuant to Sections 17.03 A and 17.53 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. VTT-82249-SL for the Project;
3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval; and
4. Adopted the Findings.

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

Moved: Dimon
Second: Harmatz
Ayes: Sheikh Ginsberg, Sutton
Absent: Hatch

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Area Planning Commission Vice President Sutton adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Mona Sutton, Vice President
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Michael Harmatz, Commissioner
Harbor Area Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant
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Vote: 4 - 0

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ADOPTED

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