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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID19, the City Planning Commission meeting was conducted telephonically.

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

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

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director’s Report:**

Melissa Alofaituli, Senior City Planner, reported on the following items of interest:

- Planning Offices were closed this week due to protests. They are once again open.
 - Since the declared State of Emergency, City Planning has modified its employees work program to allow its staff to do their jobs safely; and the Department is holding Commission meetings via teleconference in response to COVID 19.
 - On May 14, 2020, City Planning released the draft amendment to the Home Sharing Ordinance. The public hearing has been postponed and a new meeting date will be noticed later this month.
 - The Citywide Housing Policy unit and the Housing and Community Investment Department have been facilitating public webinars for the update to the Housing Element of the General Plan. The remaining webinars that will be held in multiple languages in June.
 - The Westside
- **Advance Calendar:** Commissioner Waltz Morocco will be absent from the July 1, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Rozman plans to absent from the June 17, 2020 meeting.
 - **Commission Requests:** Commissioner Newhouse spoke briefly about George Floyd and the families of other persons who passed under similar circumstances. He acknowledged the efforts of Law Enforcement and peaceful protestors. Commissioner Rozman spoke at length in support of the protests against institutional racism. Commissioner Margulies walked in peaceful protest along with members of her community in the Mid-City area.
 - **Approval of the Minutes:**

MOTION:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 along with the temporary use of electronic signatures to sign the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There was one presentation by Jay Ross West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council representative.

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-2018-7159-CE
Plan Area: West Los Angeles

Council District: 11 – Bonin

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 1851-1855 South Barry Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Juliet Oh, City Planner representing the Planning Department; Connie Chauv, City Planner; Hayk Martirosian, Techna Land Co. Inc., Representative for the Applicant; Edna Alvarez, Appellant, Lisa Slaughter, Land Use Attorney, Representative for Virginia J. Dixon, Appellant; Rayla Heide, Appellant; and Jason Douglas, Senior Planning Deputy, Council District 11.

MOTION:

Commissioner Newhouse moved to continue the item to the July 1, 2020 meeting date.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waltz Morocco and the final vote proceeded as follows:

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

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 7:07 p.m.



Michael Newhouse, President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



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

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