

NORTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 via Zoom Webinar and telephonically.

Commission President Eric Nam called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners, Martina Diaz, Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, Araz Parseghian and Victor Sampson in attendance.

Also in attendance were Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner and Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office staff participation included, Raoul Mendoza, Commission Office Manager, Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant and Denise Otero, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner, on behalf of Director of Planning, announced the upcoming Planning 101 Training Series.
- Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no requests made by any of the Commissioners.
- Minutes of Meeting:

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the Minutes of Meetings September 17, 2020. Commissioner Parseghian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sampson
Second: Parseghian
Ayes: Diaz, Lopez-Ledesma, Nam

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 5

ZA-2018-4144-ZAD-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-4145-CE

Plan Area: Sunland – Tujunga – Lake View Terrace
Shadow Hills – East La Tuna Canyon

Council District: 7 – Rodríguez

Last Day to Act: 10-01-20

Continued from: 08-20-20

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 9700 North Estaban Way

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

David Weintraub, Associate Zoning Administrator representing the Department; and Oscar Ensafi, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Parseghian put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following Project with modifications, if any, stated on the record:

Construction of a new 2,090 square foot single-family residence on a 5,897 square foot site.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061 and 15303, Class 3 (New Construction), and that 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 in part and grant the appeal in part related the Zoning Administrator's decision dated May 28, 2020;
3. Deny, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.28 of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zoning Administrator's Determination to permit a roadway width of less than 20 feet for a Substandard Hillside Limited Street as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(i)(2);
4. Approve, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.28, to grant relief from providing a 20-foot wide continuous paved roadway from the driveway apron to the Hillside Area boundary as required by LAMC Section 12.21 C.10(i)(3), in conjunction with the construction, use, and maintenance of a new single-family home;
5. Adopt the Conditions of Approval, as modified by the Commission; and
6. Adopt the Findings, as amended by the Commission.

Commissioner Parseghian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Parseghian
Second: Sampson
Ayes: Diaz, Lopez-Ledesma, Nam

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Nam adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

ADOPTED
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