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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
South Valley Area Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 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 entirely telephonically.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Commission President Mark Dierking with Commissioners Lydia Mather and Anna Menedjian present. Commissioners Rebecca Beatty and Juana Torres were absent.

Also present were Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner representing the Director of Planning, Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney, James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II and Diego Vazquez, Administrative Assistant.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director’s Report:**
Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner, reported on the following:
 - The updated proposed City Sign Ordinance is available for public comment.
 - The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed Private Detention Center Ordinance which prohibits their use in any type of zone in the City of Los Angeles.
 - Marianne King, City Planning Associate will be retiring after 17 ½ years of service to the City.
- **Advance Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no request from the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were continued to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsideration.

ITEM NO. 5

DIR-2020-1859-SPP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2020-1860-CE

Plan Area: Sherman Oaks-Studio City-Toluca Lake-Cahuenga Pass

Council District: 2 – Krekorian

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 12614 - 12618 West Ventura Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Marianne King, City Planning Associate, Andrew Jorgensen, City Planner; Nareq Khodadadi, Representative for the Applicant Alfredo Aninio. Appellant Margaret Kurkian did not attend.

MOTION

Commissioner Dierking took the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following project:

Project Permit Compliance Review for a change of use and remodel of an existing 1,300 square foot retail space to a restaurant use which results in a parking deficiency of six parking spaces, on a 19,016 square foot lot. The owner/applicant have opted to pay the in-lieu monthly parking deficiency fee for six spaces pursuant to Section 7.F.2 of the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption applies pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Deny the appeal and sustain the Director's Determination dated September 28, 2020;
3. Approve, pursuant to Section 11.5.7 C of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and Section 9 of the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, a Project Permit Compliance Review to permit a change of use and remodel of an existing 1,300 square foot retail space to a restaurant use which results in a parking deficiency of six parking spaces, on a 19,016 square foot lot. The owner/applicant have opted to pay the in-lieu monthly parking deficiency fee for six spaces pursuant to Section 7.F.2 of the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan;
4. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
5. Adopt the Findings.

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

Moved: Dierking
Seconded: Menedjian
Ayes: Mather
Absent: Beatty, Torres

Vote: 3 – 0

Motion Passed

There being no further business to come before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, Commissioner Dierking adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

ADOPTED
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COMMISSION OFFICE

Mark Dierking

Mark Dierking, President
South Valley Area Planning Commission

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James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
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