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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
South Valley Area Planning Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2021
(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 4:34 p.m. by Commission President Dierking with Commissioners Mather, Menedjian and Torres present. Commissioner Beatty was absent.

Also present were Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner representing the Department, Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney, Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I and Diego Vazquez, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director's Report:**
Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner, gave the following report:
 - Update on the Departments expansion of the online portal application.
 - Update on the Mulholland Calendaring System.
- **Advance Calendar:** There were no changes made to the Advance Calendar.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no request from the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of January 14, 2021 are postponed.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsideration.

ITEM NO. 5

APCSV-2017-0827-SPE-SPP

CEQA: ENV-2017-0828-CE

Plan Area: Encino - Tarzana

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 18038-18042 Ventura Boulevard (primary), 18038-18046 Ventura Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Courtney Schoenwald, City Planner representing the Department; Matt Goulet, Land Use Developers Corporation, Applicant Representative.

MOTION

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

Change of use for 3,215 square feet of area from a market, restaurant, and store to a house of worship. No construction or additions or exterior alterations are proposed as part of the project. The Project does not propose the removal of any trees or any grading. The Project seeks Project Permit Compliance for the change of use, and a Specific Plan Exception to permit 10 on-site parking spaces in lieu of the 101 parking spaces required by 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, Title 14, Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15303, Class 3, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. **Approve**, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 11.5.7 F, a Specific Plan Exception to permit 10 on-site parking spaces in lieu of the 101 parking spaces required;
3. **Approve**, pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7, a Project Permit Compliance Review for a project withing the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan to permit the change of use from a market, restaurant, and store to a house of worship on a 9,602 square-foot site;
4. **Adopt** the Conditions of Approval; and
5. **Adopt** the Findings.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, Commission President Dierking adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

ADOPTED
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COMMISSION OFFICE

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South Valley Area Planning Commission

Etta Armstrong

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