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West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, September 1, 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 West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission meeting was conducted telephonically.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Michael Newhouse at 4:33 p.m., along with Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco, Commissioner Alexis Laing, Commissioner Esther Margulies, and Commissioner Adelle Yellin in attendance.

Also in attendance were Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; Marcos Godoy, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco nominated Commissioner Newhouse as the President of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Laing and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Newhouse nominated Commissioner Waltz Morocco as the Vice President of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Director's Report:

Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner, reported on the following items of interest:

- Those wishing to receive the Planning Department's monthly newsletter can sign-up at planning.lacity.org;
- Within the first half of 2021, the Planning Department has permitted over 2400 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Fifteen percent of the approved units were in the West Los Angeles area; and
- It is not too late to submit comments and to review the draft of the Housing Element and provide input on the Transportation Demand Management Program. For questions and to submit comments, please email staff at ourLA2040@lacity.org.

Commission Requests:

There were no Commission requests.

Advance Calendar:

Commissioner Newhouse plans to be absent from the December 15, 2021 meeting.

Minutes of Meeting:

The minutes were continued to the next regular meeting.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Ken Blaker, Vice President of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council addressed the Commission regarding a reconsideration of case ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A.

ITEM NO. 3

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Waltz Morocco left the meeting at 4:44 p.m. and did not participate in the discussion of case ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A from which she had recused herself at the previous meeting.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

The Commission discussed reconsideration requests for case ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A. Afterward, there was no action taken by the Commission.

Commissioner Waltz Morocco returned to the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Item Numbers 6 and 7 are related to the same project and address, therefore they were heard concurrently. The items were taken out of order to address several continuation requests.

ITEM NO. 6

DIR-2020-4144-BSA-1A

CEQA: N/A

Plan Area: Bel Air-Beverly Crest

Related Case: DIR-2020-4145-BSA-1A

Council District: 5 – Koretz

**Last Day to Act: 9-1-21

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 627 North Carcassonne Road

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator representing the Planning Department; Ben Resnik, Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Mitchell LLP, representing the Property Owner; and Shawn Bayliss, Executive Director of BAA representing The Bel Air Association, Applicant/Appellant

MOTION:

Commissioner Newhouse moved to continue the matter to the October 20, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

DIR-2020-4145-BSA-1A

CEQA: N/A

Plan Area: Bel Air-Beverly Crest

Related Case: DIR-2020-4144-BSA-1A

Council District: 5 – Koretz

**Last Day to Act: 9-1-21

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 10701 West Bellagio Road

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator representing the Planning Department; Dale Goldsmith, Armbruster, Delvac and Goldsmith LLP representing the Property Owner; and Shawn Bayliss, Executive Director of BAA representing The Bel Air Association, Applicant/Appellant

MOTION:

Commissioner Newhouse moved to continue the matter to the October 20, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Newhouse

Second: Margulies

Ayes: Laing, Waltz Morocco, Yellin

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

DIR-2019-5903-CDP-MEL-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-5904-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

**Last Day to Act: N/A

Continued from 6-16-21
and 7-7-21

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 815 East Angelus Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kevin Fulton, Planning Assistant representing the Planning Department; Laura Donovan, Laura Donovan Architecture representing Donald L. Popkes & Allison M. Fister, Applicant; and Stewart Oscars, Appellant

MOTION:

Commissioner Newhouse moved to continue the matter to the November 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Newhouse
Second: Margulies
Ayes: Laing, Waltz Morocco,
Nays: Yellin

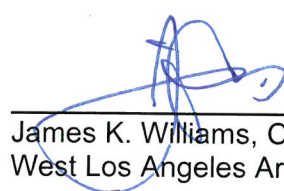
Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Commissioner Newhouse adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Michael Newhouse (Electronic signature)

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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