

EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s January 12, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Jacob Stevens called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Denise Campos, Rudy Espinoza, and Sarah Rascon in attendance.

Commissioner Christopher Arellano was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner and Oscar Medellin and Liliana Rodriguez, Deputy City Attorneys. Commission Office staff participation included, Irene Gonzalez, Commission Office Manager and Denise Otero, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Commissioner Campos moved to adopt the resolution under which the Commission finds that holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Moved: Campos
Second: Rascon
Ayes: Espinoza, Stevens
Absent: Arellano

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Debbie Lawrence, Senior City Planner, on behalf of the Director of Planning, reported on one item of interest.

- Reported in November, City Restaurant Beverage Program (RBP), ordinance that created administrative clearance process to allow sit down restaurants to serve alcohol. This was approved by PLUM in November with modifications. Since that time, the ordinance has been amended to establish a process to allow council offices to designate certain geography in their district that allows them to identify sensitive use zone, putting additional requirement for applicants and preventing the administrative approval process in areas where there is more alcohol permits than what has been allocated. This will go back to PLUM on January 18, 2022 before advancing to the full City Council for consideration
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- The Commission reported on one item of interest.
 - Commission President Stevens acknowledged that we are occupying the ancestral and contemporary lands of the Gabrielino Tongva San Gabriel band of Indians. The movement of these people set the stage for what would eventually become the City of Los Angeles. Acknowledging them reminds us of our important connection to this land where we work, live, and learn. We recognize, honor and respect these nations of their traditions storage of these lands and water of which this City of Los Angeles is now present
- The minutes of September 22, 2021 were continued to the next meeting.
- Commissioner Campos moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting December 8, 2021. Commissioner Espinoza seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Campos
 Second: Espinoza
 Ayes: Rascon, Stevens
 Absent: Arellano

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Commission President Stevens moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting December 22, 2021. Commissioner Espinoza seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stevens
 Second: Espinoza
 Ayes: Rascon
 Abstain: Campos
 Absent: Arellano

Vote: 3 (Ayes) – 0 (Nays) – 1 (Abstain)

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

There being no further business before the Commission, President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

 *Electronic Signature*

Jacob Stevens, President
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

 *Electronic Signature*
on behalf of

Irene Gonzalez, Commission Office Manager
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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