

EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 February 23, 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, Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant, and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Commissioner Espinoza 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 Campos seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Espinoza
Second: Campos
Ayes: Rascon, 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 two items of interest:
 - City Council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Restaurant Beverage Control Program (RBP) Ordinance on February 9, 2022. The RBP ordinance will create two administrative clearance processes for sit down restaurants to serve alcohol without a conditional use permit if they meet more than 50 eligibility criteria, performance standards, and enforcement procedures
 - City Planning Urban Design Studio initiated an update to the City's landscape ordinance as part of the Healthy Buildings, Healthy Places Program. The update is aimed at creating landscapes and site design objective standards.
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- The Commission reported on one item of interest.
 - Commission President Stevens will be absent March 23, 2022
- Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting for February 9, 2022. Commissioner Rascon seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

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.

ITEM NO. 6

DIR-2021-4708-SPR-1A
CEQA: ENV-2021-4709-CE
Plan Area: Boyle Heights

Council District: 14 – de León
**Last Day to Act: 02-07-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 2233-2251 East Jesse Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Jimenez, Planning Assistant and Eric Claros, City Planner representing the Department of City Planning

MOTION:

Commissioner Rascon moved to continue the matter to a date certain of March 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Espinoza and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

ZA-2020-752-ZAD-ZAA-1A
CEQA: ENV-2020-0753-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León
**Last Day to Act: 12-14-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 3005 North Amethyst Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Zoning Administrator, representing the Department of City Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney representing the City Attorney's Office; Reza Hadian representing the Applicant

MOTION:

Commissioner Rascon moved to continue the matter to a date certain of March 9, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Campos and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

ZA-2020-781-ZAD-ZAA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2020-0782-CE

Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León

**Last Day to Act: 12-14-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 3009 North Amethyst Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Zoning Administrator, representing the Department of City Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney representing the City Attorney's Office; Reza Hadian representing the Applicant

MOTION:

Commissioner Rascon moved to continue the matter to a date certain of March 9, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Campos and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

There being no further business before the Commission, President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Jacob Stevens

Jacob Stevens, President
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Alice Inawat (Electronic Signature)

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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