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West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 2, 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 West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s February 2, 2022 regular meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Michael Newhouse at 4:30 p.m., along with Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco, Commissioners Alexis Laing, Commissioner Esther Margulies, and Commissioner Adele Yellin in attendance.

Also in attendance were Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong and Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistants; Denise Otero, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), (e)(3)(A), and (e)(3)(B)(i), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission action.

MOTION:

Commissioner Yellin 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. Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner, on behalf of the Director of Planning, reported on two items of interest:
 - Westwood Village Specific Plan Amendment will be going to the City Planning Commission on February 10, 2022 for review and consideration.
 - There was a motion adopted put forth by Council District 11, Council Member Bonin. Motion was to direct the Department of City Planning to develop a work program for a coastal equity and environmental justice policy.
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, reported on one item of interest:
Expo Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan Litigation – Council City in November 2019 gave final approval to the Expo Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan. Plan establishes land use regulations for new sub areas along the expo line. These regulations were designed to accommodate and direct future growth with new residential and job opportunities near transit stations.
- There were no Commission requests.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no Neighborhood Council resolutions or presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no reconsideration requests.

ITEM NO. 6

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CEQA: ENV-2019-6371-CE

Plan Area: Westchester – Playa Del Rey

Council District: 11 - Bonin

****Last Day to Act: 02-12-22**

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 7830 South Berger Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Zoning Administrator and Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner, representing the Department of City Planning; R. Rao Boppana, Appellant and Craig Sherman, representing the Appellant; and Dr. Robert Nolan, Applicant, Randall Akers, and Ellia Thompson, representing the Applicant

MOTION:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco made the motion below in conjunction with the disapproval of the following project:

Continued use and maintenance of a fence, pedestrian gate, columns and two vehicular driveway gates with a maximum height of eight feet, within the required front yard setback and public right of way along Berger Avenue.

1. Grant the appeal, overturn the Zoning Administrator's determination of November 10, 2021;
2. Deny, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zoning Administrator's Determination to authorize the continued use and maintenance of a fence, pedestrian gate, and two vehicular driveway gates with a maximum height varying from 6 feet 5 inches to 7 feet 10-1/2 inches, within the required front yard setback in lieu of the maximum 3-1/2 feet otherwise permitted by LAMC Section 12.21 C.1(g); and
3. Adopt the Findings as amended by the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Margulies
Ayes: Laing, Newhouse
Nay: 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 6:29 p.m.

Michael Newhouse

Michael Newhouse, President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Alice Inawat

Electronic Signature

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

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