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West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 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 16, 2022 regular meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco at 4:30 p.m., along with 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; Cecilia Lamas 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:

Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco 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 Margulies seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

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:
 - SB 9: Department released a fact sheet and memo to all interested parties. The memo has information on how to contact the Department of City Planning and Building and Safety on how it will be implemented. The memo is available on planning.lacity.org.
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, reported on one items of interest:
 - Commission President Newhouse has resigned
- There were several Commission requests.
 - Commissioner Margulies – To fill the vacancy as soon as possible. To look into a visual clock counting down time.
 - Commissioner Waltz Morocco – Request Zoom to display current agenda item that is in discussion. Also request to include a buzzer or timer for the public to hear instead of staff updating the amount of time left.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no Neighborhood Council resolutions or presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no reconsideration requests.

ITEM NO. 6

DIR-2019-1115-CDP-MEL-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-1116-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood – Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 - Bonin

**Last Day to Act: N/A

Continued from 12-01-21

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 17440 – 17444 West Castellammare Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nick Vasuthasawat, Planning Assistant, representing the Department of City Planning

MOTION:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco moved to continue the matter to a date uncertain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

AA-2018-3776-PMLA-SL-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-3777-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Related Case: ZA-2018-3779-ZAA-1A

Council District: 11 - Bonin

**Last Day to Act: 02-17-22

Continued from 12-01-21

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 1740 South Penmar Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Zoning Administrator and Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner representing the Planning Department; Tony Russo, representing the Applicant; William Wood, Michael Stenger, Paola Pini, Appellant

MOTION:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco moved to continue the matter to a date uncertain and have applicant will submit a time extension form for six months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

ZA-2018-3779-ZAA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-3777-CE

Plan Area: Venice

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Second: Margulies
Ayes: Laing, Yellin

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
Commissioner Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Lisa Waltz Morocco

Lisa Waltz Morocco, Vice 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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