

SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 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 South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's March 15, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Bates at 4:31 p.m. with Commissioners Levine, Orozco and Stern present. Commissioner Willis was absent.

Also in attendance were Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner; Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I and Diego Vazquez, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), and (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 Bates 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 Stern seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Bates
Second: Stern
Ayes: Levine, Orozco
Absent: Willis

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director's Report:** Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner, gave the following report:
 - On our website planning.lacity.org you can find the Planning Department's annual report for 2021. In that report, we highlighted how we have incorporated technology into our workplace, some of our

advances in new housing opportunities as well as how we have centered planning in racial and social equity in our Department.

- On March 8th the Department released the draft Slauson Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan to the public and it is available on our website. The Corridor Transit Plan is along the Slauson Corridor, approximately Alameda on the east and Crenshaw Boulevard to the west. There are draft concepts for how we are going to maybe changing some of the zoning along the corridor. Some of the subareas are within the geographies of this APC jurisdiction from West Adams to Southeast LA community plans. Everyone, take a look at our website and provide comments to the policy team if you have anything to share on that new plan.

- **Advance Calendar:** There were no changes made to the Advance Calendar.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests made by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No one addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

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CEQA: ENV-2020-7912-CE

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

Last Day to Act: 10-19-21

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 2314 South Union Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Helen Jadali, City Planning Associate representing the Department; Alex Woo, Genesis Consulting Inc. representing the Applicant; Aurora Becerra, Jim Childs, Rudy Flores, UPAC, NUPCA, representing the Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bates put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following project:

Conditional Use Permit and Plan Approval to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,340 square foot restaurant with 44 indoor seats with the operational hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday, and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight Thursday to Saturday.

1. **Determine**, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. **Deny the appeal and sustain** the Zoning Administrator's determination dated August 5, 2021;
3. **Approve**, pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.24 W.27 and 12.24 M, a Conditional Use Permit and Plan Approval to permit deviations from the Commercial Corner Development provisions to allow the operation of the existing 1,340 square-foot restaurant with 44 indoor seats, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday, and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight from Thursday to Saturday in the C2-1VL-O-HPOZ-CPIO zone;
4. **Adopt** the Conditions of Approval and;
5. **Adopt** the Findings.

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

Moved: Bates
Second: Orozco
Ayes: Levine, Stern
Absent: Willis

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, Commission President Bates adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Eric Bates

Eric Bates, President
South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Etta Armstrong

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