

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
(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 City Planning Commission’s May 26, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Samantha Millman called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. with Commission Vice President Caroline Choe and Commissioners Helen Campbell, Helen Leung, Yvette López-Ledesma, Karen Mack and Dana Perlman.

Commissioner Jenna Hornstock was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Vince P. Bertoni, Director of Planning, Lisa Webber and Shana M. M. Bonstin, Deputy Directors, and Donna Wong, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office Staff participation included Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant, Marcos G. Godoy and Denise Otero, Administrative Clerks.

At approximately 8:43 a.m. Commissioner Renee Dake Wilson joined the Zoom webinar/teleconference meeting.

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 Campbell 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 Choe seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Campbell
Second: Choe
Ayes: Leung, López-Ledesma, Mack, Millman, Perlman, Dake Wilson
Absent: Hornstock

Vote: 8 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Vince P. Bertoni, Director of Planning, provided an update regarding the Housing Element.
- Donna Wong, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- The Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022 and April 28, 2022 were postponed.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

No speakers addressed the Commission during 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. 6a
(CONSENT CALENDAR)**

CPC-2021-8627-GPA-ZC
CEQA: ENV-2021-8629-ND
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León
**Last Day to Act: 08-01-22

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed February 15, 2022

PROJECT SITE: 5715 North Monterey Road; 5800 – 5814 North Monterey Road;
5321 East Via Marisol

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM WEBINAR/TELECONFERENCE:

Michael Sin, City Planning Associate, Clare Kelley, City Planner and Craig Weber, Principal City Planner representing the Department.

MOTION:

Commissioner Perlman moved to approve the consent calendar and put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project with modifications, if any, as stated on the record:

A General Plan Amendment to amend the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan to re-designate the subject properties from Low Medium II Residential to Neighborhood Commercial General Plan Land Use, and a Zone Change from RD1.5-1 to [Q]C4-1VL. The action is in response to Council Motion CF 20-1426, which requests that the General Plan Land Use and Zoning of these properties be corrected to reflect existing built conditions and to facilitate the reuse of existing commercial buildings in the Hermon neighborhood. The General Plan Amendment and Zone Change does not involve the demolition, remodel, construction, or alteration of any structures, public facilities, or land.

1. Find, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the Negative Declaration, No. ENV-2021-8629-ND ("Negative Declaration"), and all comments received, there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; Find the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; and Adopt the Negative Declaration;
2. Approve and Recommend that the Mayor and City Council adopt, pursuant to City Charter Section 555 and Section 11.5.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a General Plan Amendment to the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan, from Low Medium II Residential to Neighborhood Commercial for the subject properties;
3. Approve and Recommend that the City Council adopt, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32, a Zone Change from RD1.5-1 to [Q]C4-1VL for the subject properties; and
4. Adopt the Findings.

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

Moved: Perlman
Second: Mack
Ayes: Campbell, Choe, Leung, López-Ledesma, Millman, Dake Wilson
Absent: Hornstock

Vote: 8 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7**CPC-2021-4259-CU-CUB-SPR**

CEQA: ENV-2021-4260-MND

Plan Area: Central City North

Council District: 14 – de León

****Last Day to Act: 05-26-22**

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed March 2, 2022

PROJECT SITE: 1820 – 2120 East 8th Street; 820 – 840 South Alameda Street;
2150 East Damon Street; 1301 South Lemon Street;
1121 – 1143 Lawrence Street; 2015 – 2101 East Olympic Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM WEBINAR/TELECONFERENCE:

Obiamaka Ude, Planning Assistant, Oliver Netburn, City Planner and Heather Bleemers, Senior City Planner representing the Department; and Kyndra Casper, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commission President Millman moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project with modifications and amendments, as stated on the record:

Renovation and change of use of the existing Los Angeles Times printing plant with the construction of eight new structures for the use and maintenance of an 832,750 square-foot film production studio with a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.74:1. The Project will require a haul route for grading and export of 20,000 cubic yards of soil.

1. Find, based on the independent judgment of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the Project was assessed in Mitigated Negative Declaration Case No. ENV-2021-4260-MND, adopted on April 25, 2022; and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR, negative declaration, or addendum is required for approval of the Project;
2. Approve, pursuant to Section 12.24 U.14 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Conditional Use to permit a Major Development Project to allow the renovation and change of use of the existing 558,918 square-foot printing plant and 23,005 square-foot maintenance building to 582,400 square feet of sound stage, production support, office, and ancillary uses, and the construction of new buildings to provide approximately 249,790 square feet of sound stage, production support, office and ancillary uses;
3. Approve, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.1, a Main Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with three dining establishments with hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. daily;
4. Approve, pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for a project that results in 50,000 gross square feet or more of non-residential floor area;
5. Adopt the Conditions of Approval, as modified by the Commission, including Staff's Technical Modification dated May 24, 2022; and
6. Adopt the Findings, as Amended by the Commission.

Commissioner Dake Wilson seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Millman
Second: Dake Wilson
Ayes: Campbell, Choe, Leung, López-Ledesma, Mack, Perlman
Absent: Hornstock

Vote: 8 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Millman adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Samantha Millman

Samantha Millman, President
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19)
Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

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