

NORTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 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 North Valley Area Planning Commission’s June 16, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Eric Nam called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commission Vice President Martina Diaz and Commissioner Victor Sampson in attendance.

Commissioners Gerlie Collado and Araz Parseghian were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, and Commission Office staff participation included Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant and Denise Otero, Administrative Clerk.

At approximately 4:33 p.m. Commissioner Parseghian 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:

Commission Vice President Diaz 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 Sampson seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Diaz
Second: Sampson
Ayes: Nam, Parseghian
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, provided an update regarding ongoing community planning work programs for the South Valley, including recently released draft land use designations proposed for the Southwest Valley Community Plans Update. The Southeast Valley Community Plans Update just completed three webinars to gather feedback on concepts.
- Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- Minutes of Meeting:
Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 17, 2022, April 7, 2022, May 5, 2022 and May 12, 2022. Commission Vice President Diaz seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sampson
Second: Diaz
Ayes: Nam, Parseghian
Absent: Collado

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

ZA-2019-6034-ZV-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-6035-CE

Plan Area: Sun Valley – La Tuna Canyon

Council District: 6 – Martinez

****Last Day to Act: 06-17-22**

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 11820 West Roscoe Boulevard; 8200 North Webb Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM WEBINAR/TELECONFERENCE:

Charles Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Christopher Murray, representing the Applicant/Appellant; and Max Podemski representing Council District 6 on behalf of Councilmember Nury Martinez.

MOTION:

Commissioner Parseghian moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project with modifications, as stated on the record:

Continued operation of an open storage facility including a one-story building constructed to a height of 12 feet used as a caretaker's residence (953 square feet) with a carport (360 square feet) and an office (513 square feet), one surface parking space, and open storage of recreational vehicles, trucks, and portable containers including 122 vehicle storage spaces and 214 storage container spaces, retention of two existing 12-foot pole signs, and a surface parking area without full improvements, on an approximately 95,893-square-foot site in the R1-1-CUGU Zone.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1 (operation of existing private uses), 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 in part and grant the appeal in part and sustain the Zoning Administrator's determination dated June 11, 2021;
3. Approve, pursuant to Charter Section 562 and Section 12.27 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zone Variance from LAMC Section 12.08 A, to allow the continued use of an open storage facility, two existing 12-foot signs and a surface parking area without full improvements on an approximately 95,893 square foot in the R1-1-CUGU Zone;
4. Adopt the Conditions of Approval, as modified by the Commission; and
5. Adopt the Findings.

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

Moved: Parseghian
Second: Sampson
Ayes: Diaz, Nam
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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COMMISSION OFFICE**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Nam adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Eric Nam

Eric Nam, President
North Valley Area Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19)

Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant
North Valley Area Planning Commission