

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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 Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s January 11, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Gold at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Lindgren and DelGado present. Commissioner Lawrence was absent.

Also in attendance were Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner; Ernesto Velazquez, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I and 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), 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 Gold 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 Lindgren seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Gold
Second: Lindgren
Ayes: DelGado
Absent: Lawrence

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director's Report:** Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner, gave the following report:
 - On December 17, 2021, the Trial Court issued its ruling in favor of the City and its recent adoption of the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (Expo TNP) —a geographic area that generally extends within one-half mile radius of the "E" Light Rail Line (Expo Line). This ruling marks a major victory for the City and its efforts to accommodate new mixed-use, transit-oriented development adjacent to or near high-quality transit, as part of its larger citywide housing strategy.

The petitioner ("Fix the City") sued claiming that the City's infrastructure on the Westside is inadequate and unable to support the proposed increase in housing and jobs. However, the Court ruled that the Expo TNP was in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan. Additionally, the Trial Court found that the City's proposed General Plan Amendments and corresponding Zone Changes to select sites within the Plan Area were necessary to accommodate the City's anticipated growth in housing and jobs on the Westside.

- **Advance Calendar:** There were no changes made to the Advance Calendar.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests made by the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner DelGado moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021, November 9, 2021 and November 23, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gold and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: DelGado
Second: Gold
Ayes: Lindgren
Absent: Lawrence

Vote: 3 – 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-2020-7462-CU-1A
CEQA: ENV-2020-7463-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman
Last Day to Act: 09-21-21

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 6201 West Franklin Avenue (6201 and 6205 West Franklin Avenue, 1907 North Vista Del Mar Avenue)

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Gregory Shoop representing the Applicant/Property Owner; Jamie T. Hall representing the Appellant; and Mashael Majid representing the Office of Councilmember Raman.

MOTION:

Commissioner Gold put forth the actions below in conjunction with the disapproval of the following project:

Construction, use, and maintenance of a new 2,744 square-foot convenience store with 24 hours of operation, daily, in lieu of the operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

1. **Granted** the appeal and **overturned** the Zoning Administrator's determination to approve pursuant to Section 12.24 W.27 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Conditional Use to authorize hours of operation which exceed the 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. otherwise permitted by LAMC Section 12.22 A.23 for a Commercial Corner Development/Mini Shopping Center, in conjunction with a convenience store in the C1-1D Zone; and
2. **Adopted** the attached Conditions of Approval; and
3. **Adopted** the attached Amended Findings.

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

Moved: Gold
Second: DelGado
Ayes: Lindgren
Absent: Lawrence

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Central Area Planning Commission President Gold adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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