

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 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 22, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Gold at 4:34 p.m. with Commissioners DelGado, Kang, Lawrence and Lindgren present.

Also in attendance were Priya Mehendale, Senior City Planner; Pariss Knox, 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 Kang 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: Kang
Second: Lindgren
Ayes: Gold, DelGado, Lawrence

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Priya Mehendale, Senior City Planner, gave the following report:
 - The Department of City Planning recently released our 2021 annual report, which features how the Department adapted to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the past two years of operating virtually, the Department has focused on improving our services to support thousands of

small businesses, restaurants, schools, property owners and the wider development community as Los Angeles continues to recover from the pandemic. From March 2020 to January 2022, the Department completed over 15,000 applications, sent out more than 2,000 letters of determination for discretionary entitlements and held over 1,000 virtual hearings for discretionary cases. Overall, the Department staff has completed about 17 percent more cases when compared to 2019 pre-pandemic numbers. Anyone who may be interested in the full annual report, it is available on our website at planning4la.org

- Deputy City Attorney Pariss Knox had no report.
- **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

AA-2021-6857-PMLA-HCA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-6858-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell
Last Day to Act: 03-11-22

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 1207 North Commonwealth Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Alex Truong, City Planning Associate, representing the Department; Hoa “Sean” Nguyen, EZ Permits, LLC representing the Applicant/Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner DelGado put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following Project:

To permit the subdivision of two residential condominium units in the Hollywood Community Plan.

1. Determine based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from California Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15315, Class 15, 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 partial appeal and sustain the Deputy Advisory Agency's determination dated January 25, 2022;
3. Approve, pursuant to Section 17.50 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Preliminary Parcel Map No. AA-2021-6857-PMLA-HCA, located at 1207 North Commonwealth Avenue to permit the subdivision of two residential condominium units, as shown on the map stamp-dated August 11, 2021 in the Hollywood Community Plan. The subdivider is hereby advised to receive verification from the Department of Building and Safety for legal interpretation of the Zoning Code as it applies to this particular property;
4. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
5. Adopt the Findings.

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

Moved: DelGado
Second: Lindgren
Ayes: Gold, Lawrence, Kang

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Gold adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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