

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's February 22, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Gold at 4:31 p.m. with Commissioners DelGado, Kang, Lawrence and Lindgren present.

Also in attendance were Deborah Kahen, 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 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 Kang seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Director's Report:** Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner, gave the following report:
 - The Restaurant Beverage Program has been adopted by the City Council. On Wednesday, February 9, 2022, the City Council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Restaurant Beverage Program

Ordinance. This ordinance will save applicants time and money. It will create two administrative clearance processes for sit down restaurants to be able to serve alcohol without a Conditional Use Permit if they meet more than 50 eligibility criteria performance standards and enforcement procedures.

- An update on the Planning hiring progress: City Planning continues to actively fill vacant positions with new hires and internal office promotions. Since November 2021, the department has reduced its vacancy rate by three percent ,with a total of 399 filled positions out of 496 authorized. In the last seven months, City Planning has added 35 new staff, lost 16 employees, and had 49 promotions. The department is continuing to work with the Personnel department to fill vacancies.

- **Advance Calendar:** Commissioner Lindgren announced she will be absent from the March 8, 2022 meeting.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests made by the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindgren and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Gold moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindgren and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: DelGado
Second: Lindgren
Ayes: Gold, Kang
No Vote: Lawrence

Vote: 4 – 0

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6.

ZA-2017-2328-ZAD-ZAA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2017-2329-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

Last Day to Act: 01-18-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 1501 North Marlay Drive

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Theodore Irving, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Valerie Sacks, Brokerage Zoning Development Group; Stephen Pomerantz, Appellant No. 1; Ellen Evans and Jamie Hall representing Appellant No. 2; and Stephen Pomerantz representing Appellant No. 3.

MOTION:

Commissioner DelGado moved to extend the time and continue the item to a date uncertain. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ZA-2017-4610-CU-MCUP-SPR-1A

CEQA: ENV-2017-3933-CE

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – de León

Last Day to Act: 02-22-22

Continued From: 05-14-19,
08-27-19, 10-22-19, 12-10-19,
02-11-20, 04-28-20, 07-14-20,
10-13-20, 01-26-21, 04-13-21,
06-22-21, 09-28-21, 12-14-21

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 949 South Hope Street; (615 West Olympic Boulevard; 950 South Flower Street;
600 West 9th Street)

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Henry Chu, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Todd Nelson, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac LLP, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lindgren moved to extend the time and continue the item to a date certain of May 24, 2022. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission President Gold adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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Ilissa Gold, President
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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