

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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 June 14, 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 Kang, Lawrence, and DelGado present. Commissioner Lindgren 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 Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner, had the following report:
 - The update is related to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) approving targeted amendments to the Housing Element. On June 7, 2022, the PLUM Committee voted to approve the targeted amendments to the 2021 through 2029 Housing Element. The proposed amendments were prepared in response to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) request for revisions to ensure compliance with the new Affirmatively Furthering

Fair Housing requirements and state law. Upon adoption by the City Council, the Housing Element will be submitted again to HCD for their review and anticipated certification.

- **City Attorney Report:** Deputy City Attorney Ernesto Velazquez had no report.
- **Advance Calendar:** Commissioner Gold announced she would be absent from the November 8, 2022 meeting.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests made by the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner DelGado moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022, and April 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kang and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

ZA-2019-1677-CUB-CUX-ZV-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-1678-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Wesson
Last Day to Act: 05-24-22

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 6008-6010 West Pico Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Charles J. Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Nathan Freeman, representing the Applicant; Sonia Berman, representing the Appellant; Hakeem Parke-Davis, Planning Deputy representing Councilmember Wesson's office.

MOTION:

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

The continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 3,373-square-foot restaurant and night club with live entertainment (the Mint). The Project has 97 indoor seats and proposes 18 seats and four tables outdoors in the public right-of-way. The proposed railings to delineate the outdoor dining space will be composed of temporary and removable materials. The Project includes six on-site parking spaces and zero off-site parking spaces. The proposed hours of operation are from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 regarding location, cumulative impacts, significant effects or unusual circumstances, scenic highways, or hazardous waste sites, or historical resources applies;
2. Denied the partial appeal and sustained the Zoning Administrator's determination dated December 21, 2021;
3. Dismissed, pursuant to Section 12.24 W.18, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Conditional Use to permit dancing (dance hall) in conjunction with the existing restaurant with live music;
4. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.1, a Conditional Use to permit the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with live music in conjunction with an existing restaurant;
5. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.27 B and Charter Section 562, a Zone Variance from LAMC Section 12.21 A.4 and 12.21 A.5, to permit the existing six tandem spaces in lieu of the 34 spaces required;
6. Adopted the Conditions of Approval; and
7. Adopted the Findings.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

ZA-2021-10767-MCUP-CUX-1A
CEQA: ENV-2021-10768-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 1 – Cedillo
Last Day to Act: 07-18-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 2748 West 8th Street, Units 103, 201, 202

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Henry Chu, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Steve Kim, representing the Applicant and Appellant.

The case was not heard due to hearing notice discrepancies with the March 23, 2022 zoning hearing notice. The Commission did not introduce a motion.

There being no further business before the Commission, Commission President Gold adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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