

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 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 West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission's May 4, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco introduced the newest member to the board, Commissioner April Sandifer.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Waltz Morocco at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Margulies, Sandifer and Yellin present. Commissioner Laing was absent.

Also in attendance were Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I and Marcos Godoy, 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 Waltz Morocco 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 Yellin seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Yellin
Ayes: Margulies, Sandifer
Absent: Laing

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Senior City Planner Report:** Senior City Planner Juliet Oh, gave the following report:
 - On April 25th, the Development Services Center did open to the public, for limited appointments and will continue to stay open on a limited appointment basis. Anyone wanting to come in person are

encouraged to request an appointment through the BuildLA portal for an appointment. Virtual services are still available online and that seems to still be the preferred route. It is still convenient to submit all your materials online and to drop them off at the drop boxes. In addition, City Hall did open to the public today for the Council meetings. City Council meetings are back in person, but all other committee and commission meetings are still virtual only. All of the other offices within the City Hall building are still closed to the public and that includes the City Planning offices, so we still encourage people to email staff or call them rather than showing up in person because staff are still telecommuting. People coming into City Hall for City Council meetings or the Development Services Centers for an appointment will be required to show proof of vaccinations or a negative test within 72 hours and you will also be required to wear a mask.

- **Deputy City Attorney Report:** Deputy City Attorney Oscar Medellin, had no report.
- **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 Margulies moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waltz Morocco and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Second: Waltz Morocco
Ayes: Yellin
Abstain: Sandifer
Absent: Laing

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Approval of the Minutes:** Commissioner Waltz Morocco moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yellin and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Yellin
Ayes: Margulies
Abstain: Sandifer
Absent: Laing

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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

APCW-2019-6284-SPE-CUB-ZV-SPP-CDP

CEQA: ENV-2019-6285-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Last Day to Act: 05-04-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 209 East Windward Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Ira Brown, City Planning Associate, representing the Department; Marcia Davalos and Laurette Healey, City Land Use, Inc., representing the Applicant; Sascha A. Tohidi, Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Waltz Morocco moved to extend the time and continue the item to a date certain of June 15, 2022. Commissioner Yellin seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Yellin
Ayes: Margulies, Sandifer
Absent: Laing

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Lisa Waltz Morocco

Lisa Waltz Morocco, Vice President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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