

SOUTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 Valley Area Planning Commission’s October 13, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Dierking called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with Commission Vice President Vanessa Barraza, and Commissioners Lydia Drew Mather and Lisa Karadjian in attendance.

Also present were Blake Lamb, Principal City Planner, and Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, representing the Planning Department; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant; and Diego Vazquez, 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:

Commission Vice President Barraza 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 Karadjian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barraza
Second: Karadjian
Ayes: Dierking, Mather

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, had one report:
 - We want to acknowledge that this meeting is occurring during a difficult day and time in the history of Los Angeles. Los Angeles City Planning is against all forms of hate speech, race, ethnic, and gender-related harassment. As provided by Senate Bill (SB)1100, Article 16 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and Executive Directive No. 27, the Department is committed to racial justice, equity, and inclusivity in all its internal and external engagement regarding any City-related business.

Following Executive Directive (ED) No. 27, the Planning Department established the Office of Racial Justice, Equity, and Transformative Planning to ensure the creation of safe working spaces where both staff and customers feel comfortable regardless of race, gender, ethnic, and religious identities. The Department of City Planning is committed to make its public hearings a safe place for all its participants.

- Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- The Commission had no requests.
- Commissioner Mather moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2022 and April 14, 2022. Commissioner Karadjian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Mather
Seconded: Karadjian
Ayes: Barraza, Dierking

Vote: 4 – 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 reconsideration.

ITEM NO. 6

AA-2019-1556-PMLA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-1557-CE

Plan Area: Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks

Council District: 6 – Martinez

Last Day to Act: 10-14-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 15105 West Hamlin Street; 15102 West Haynes Street; and
15106 West Haynes Street

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Correy Kitchens, City Planner, and Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, representing the Department; and Sue Steinberg, representing the Applicant and Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Karadjian put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following Project, with modifications as stated on the record:

Subdivision of one lot, totaling 20,151 square feet into three parcels (Parcels A, B, and C) for the use and maintenance of three single-family dwellings with associated adjustments for minor reductions in lot area and yards associated with the retention of existing structures. The Project site is developed with three single-family dwellings with attached and detached garages to remain along with the addition of a new 400-square-foot carport on Parcel C.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15305, and 15315, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Grant the partial appeal in part; deny the partial appeal in part, and sustain the Deputy Advisory Agency's Determination dated May 26, 2022;
3. Approve, pursuant to Sections 17.51 and 17.10.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Parcel Map No. AA-2019-1556-PMLA for the subdivision of one lot into three parcels, including Condition No. 21 (e), and permit a 10-foot merger along Hamlin Street and a 20-foot merger along Nobel Avenue in lieu of the 30 feet previously requested in order to accommodate a new 10-foot pedestrian walkway;
4. Adopt the corrected Parcel Map;
5. Adopt the Conditions of Approval, as Modified by the Commission; and
6. Adopt the Findings, as Amended by the Commission.

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

Moved: Karadjian
Second: Mather
Ayes: Barraza, Dierking

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, Commission President Dierking adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Mark Dierking (Electronic Signature)

Mark Dierking, President
South Valley Area Planning Commission

Alice Inawat (Electronic Signature)

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
South Valley Area Planning Commission

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