

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco at 4:32 p.m. with Commissioners Esther Margulies and April Sandifer present.

Commissioner Adele Yellin was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Christine Saponara, Senior City Planner; Oscar Medellin, 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:

Commissioner Margulies 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 Sandifer seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Senior City Planner Report: Senior City Planner Christine Saponara, gave the following 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.

- **Deputy City Attorney Report:** Deputy City Attorney Oscar Medellin had no report.
- **Advance Calendar:** There were no changes made to the advanced calendar.
- **Commission Requests:** There were no requests made by the Commission.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of September 7, 2022 and September 21, 2022 will be postponed until the next meeting.

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

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco called Item No. 7 out of order.

ITEM NO. 7

ZA-2015-420-CUB-DRB-SPP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2015-421-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood – Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 - Bonin

**Last Day to Act: 10-29-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 15401 and 15406 West Sunset Boulevard;
1021, 1023, 1029, and 1031 North Via De La Paz

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jordan Turner, Senior City Planner, and Nick Vasuthasawat, Planning Assistant, representing the Department of City Planning; Neill Brower, representing the Applicant and Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Sandifer moved to continue the matter to a date certain of January 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margulies and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

ZA-2021-9762-F-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-9763-CE

Plan Area: Palms – Mar Vista – Del Rey

Council District: 11 - Bonin

**Last Day to Act: 10-18-22

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 12106 West Herbert Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Theodore Irving, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department of City Planning; Tony Russo, representing the Applicant and Appellant; and Payam Doostzadeh, Appellant.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with the disapproval of the following Project:

Legalization of an existing unpermitted fence, posts, and vehicular and pedestrian gates, with a maximum height of six-feet six-inches, located within the required front yard setback.

1. Deny the appeal and sustain the Zoning Administrator's determination dated July 19, 2022;
2. Deny, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Zoning Administrator's Determination to legalize an existing unpermitted fence, posts, vehicular gate and pedestrian gate, with a maximum height of six feet, six inches within the required front yard setback in lieu of the three feet six inches otherwise permitted pursuant to LAMC Section 12.21 C.1(g); and

3. Adopt the Findings.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commission Vice President Waltz Morocco re-opened Item No. 7 for public comment.

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Re-opened for public comment for the continuance of the case to January 18, 2023.

There being no further business before the Commission, Commission Vice President Lisa Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Lisa Waltz Morocco

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

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