

EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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 East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s October 12, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Jacob Stevens called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Seamus Garrity and Commission Vice President Denise Campos in attendance Via Teleconference.

Commissioner Lyric Kelkar and Commissioner Sarah Rascon were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Brittany Arceneaux, Senior City Planner, Jack Chiang, Associate Zoning Administrator, Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, Commission Office staff participation included Alice Inawat, and Eva Bencomo, Commission Executive Assistants, and Marcos G. Godoy, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Commission President Jacob Stevens 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 Seamus Garrity seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stevens
Second: Garrity
Ayes: Campos
Absent: Kelkar, Rascon

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Brittany Arceneaux, Senior City Planner, had one report: This meeting is occurring during a difficult time in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Planning Department is against all forms of hate speech, race, ethnic, and gender related harassment. As provided by Senate Bill SB 1100, Article 16 of Chapter 4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and Executive Directive Number 27, the Department is committed to racial justice, equity, and inclusivity in all of its internal and external engagement regarding any City related business. Following the Executive Directive number 27, the Planning Department established the Office of Racial Justice, Equity, and Transformative Planning, to ensure the creation of a safe working spaces where both staff and stakeholders feel comfortable regardless of race, gender, ethnic, and religious identities. The Department of City Planning is committed to make its meetings a safe place for all of its participants.
- Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- Commissioner Garrity moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022 and September 28, 2022. Commission President Stevens seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Garrity
Second: Stevens
Ayes: Campos
Absent: Kelkar, Rascon

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

A few speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 5

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 6

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CEQA: ENV-2020-1181-CE

Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León

****Last Day to Act: 10-24-22**

PUBLIC HEARING Required

PROJECT SITE: 1480 North Avenue 57

PROPOSED PROJECT: Construction, use, and maintenance of a new three-story, 1,967-square-foot single-family dwelling, with an attached two car garage, and a pool [and a new 678-square-foot attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) under separate Administrative review] with a maximum six-foot tall and 59-foot eight-inch long retaining wall on the Project site and a maximum 13-foot 11-inch tall and approximately 75-foot long retaining wall in the public right-of-way at the edge of the sidewalk, grading of up to 683 cubic yards of earth and importing approximately 153 cubic yards of earth.

IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Jack Chiang, Associate Zoning Administrator, Adrineh Melkonian, City Planner, representing the Department, Jamie T Hall representing Neighbors of N. Avenue 57, Appellant, and Elliā Thompson representing Don Caverhill, Applicant.

The Applicant requested that the matter be continued to a date certain of December 14, 2022.

Jack Chiang, Associate Zoning Administrator, recommended continuing the case to a date certain of December 14, 2022, to allow the Planning Department to look into issues raised by the Appellant. The Applicant is planning to appear before the Neighborhood Council for another review and provide recommendations.

MOTION:

Commissioner Garrity moved to grant the request for the matter to be continued to a date certain of December 14, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Commission President Stevens and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Garrity
Second: Stevens
Ayes: Campos
Absent: Kelkar, Rascon
Vote: 3 – 0

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COMMISSION OFFICE**

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Stevens adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Jacob Stevens

Jacob Stevens, President

East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Cecilia Lamas (Electronic Signature due to COVID-19) for

Eva Bencomo, Commission Executive Assistant

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