

CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1070
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Commission Vice President Maleena Lawrence called the regular meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. with Commissioners Jaime Geaga, Steve Kang, and Julie Stromberg in attendance.

Commissioner Oliver DelGado was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner, Ernesto Velazquez, Deputy City Attorney, Commission Office staff participation included Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II, Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerk, and Alexander Linz, City Planning Associate.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
Commissioner Kang nominated Maleena Lawrence for Commission President. Commissioner Geaga seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kang
Second: Geaga
Ayes: Lawrence, Stromberg
Absent: DelGado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Geaga nominated Steve Kang for Commission Vice President. Commissioner Stromberg seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kang
Second: Geaga
Ayes: Lawrence, Stromberg
Absent: DelGado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Deborah Kahen, Senior City Planner, on behalf of Director of Planning, Vince P. Bertoni, reported the following on the Citywide Housing Incentive Program:

- The 2021-2029 Housing Element is one of Planning Department's most significant achievements in recent years. The Housing Element sets policies and programs to meet the city state mandated housing target and address Los Angeles housing deficit adding over 450,000 housing units by the decades end.

- Ernesto Velazquez, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- Commission Requests:
 - Commissioner Geaga announced a planned absence for November 28, 2023, and Commissioner Stromberg announced a planned absence for December 26, 2023.
- Meeting Minutes:
Commission Vice President Kang moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023, June 27, 2023, July 11, 2023, and July 25, 2023. Commissioner Geaga seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kang
Second: Geaga
Ayes: Lawrence, Stromberg
Absent: DelGado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

Before opening Item No. 5, Commissioner Stromberg stated on the record that she listened to the audio for the previous meeting of March 28, 2023.

ITEM NO. 5

ZA-2021-10704-CUB-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-10705-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

Last Day to Act: 10-24-23

Continued from: 03-28-23

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 5243 – 5245 West Santa Monica Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE VIA HYBRID/TELECONFERENCE:

Henry Chu, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Lee Rabun, representing the Applicant/Appellant.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Kang moved to continue the item to a date certain of December 12, 2023. Commission President Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

At approximately 6:54 p.m. Commission President Lawrence recessed the meeting. Commission President Lawrence reconvened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. with Commission Vice President Kang and Commissioners Geaga and Stromberg.

ITEM NO. 6

ZA-2021-639-CUB-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-642-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Hutt

Last Day to Act: 10-24-23

Continued from: 07-25-23;
09-12-23; 09-26-23

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 700 – 708 South Vermont Avenue; 3070 – 3086 West 7th Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles J. Rausch, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Department; Steve S. Kim, representing the Applicant/Appellant.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Kang moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project, with Amended Findings and Conditions of Approval, as stated on the record:

A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption within a 1,799 square-foot existing gas station/convenience store operating 24 hours daily with the sale of beer and wine from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Grant the appeal and overturn the Zoning Administrator's Determination dated April 24, 2023;
3. Approve, pursuant to Section 12.24 W.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption within a 1,799 square-foot existing gas station/convenience store operating 24 hours daily with the sale of beer and wine from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily;
4. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
5. Adopt the Findings, as Amended by the Commission.

Commissioner Stromberg seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kang
Second: Stromberg
Ayes: Geaga, Lawrence
Absent: Delgado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

At approximately 8:20 p.m. due to technical difficulties the hybrid meeting participation format was unavailable. Therefore, the ability to provide public comment remotely was not an option.

Commission President Lawrence proceeded with the in-person meeting.

At approximately 8:23 p.m. Commission President Lawrence recessed the meeting. Commission President Lawrence reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m. with Commission Vice President Kang and Commissioners Geaga and Stromberg.

ITEM NO. 6

APCC-2023-1163-SPE-SPP
CEQA: ENV-2023-1165-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez
Last Day to Act: 10-31-23
Continued from: 09-26-23

PUBLIC HEARING – August 4, 2023

PROJECT SITE: 6706 – 6712 West Hollywood Boulevard;
1650 – 1654 North McCadden Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dylan Lawrence, City Planning Associate, Valentina Knox-Jones, City Planner, and Jane Choe, Principal City Planner, representing the Department; Payton Hall, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Kang moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project, as stated on the record:

The installation of an approximately 40 square-foot Digital Display sign located on the existing roof within the interior courtyard of the Grauman's Egyptian Theater building. The sign face is approximately two feet, five inches in height and 16 feet, three inches in width, and the sign is mounted to a metal frame which is affixed to the roof. The sign will be located 28 feet, seven inches above

grade, as measured from the top of the sign face to grade, and 25 feet, four inches in height, as measured from the bottom of the sign frame to grade.

The sign will face Hollywood Boulevard and will be set back approximately 142 feet from the front lot line. The sign will be located on the roof that extends over the entrance to the theater and will be used to advertise movies and movie times. It will be updated with different movie titles and times as movies are rotated in and out for exhibition. It will feature a color LED display, with red and white text atop a black background and will include the Netflix 'N' logo. No other images or graphics are proposed.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15311 (Class 11), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption, pursuant to Section 15300.2, applies;
2. Approve, pursuant to Section 6.F of the Hollywood Signage Supplemental Use District (HSSUD) and Section 11.5.7 C of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance Review to permit the installation of a Digital Display sign in the Hollywood Signage Supplemental Use District (HSSUD);
3. Approve, pursuant to Section 6.H of the Hollywood Signage Supplemental Use District (HSSUD) and LAMC Section 11.5.7 F, a Specific Plan Exception to permit the installation of a Digital Display sign in the form of a Roof Sign, in lieu of a Wall Sign or a Marquee Sign, as otherwise permitted by Section 7.C of the HSSUD;
4. Approve, pursuant to Section 6.H of the Hollywood Signage Supplemental Use District (HSSUD) and LAMC Section 11.5.7 F, a Specific Plan Exception to permit the installation of a Digital Display located 25 feet, 4 inches above grade, as measured vertically, in lieu of the 35 to 75 feet above grade as otherwise required by Section 7.C.1 of the HSSUD;
5. Approve, pursuant to Section 6.H of the Hollywood Signage Supplemental Use District (HSSUD) and LAMC Section 11.5.7 F, a Specific Plan Exception to permit a Solid Panel Roof Sign, as otherwise not permitted by Section 5.B of the HSSUD;
6. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
7. Adopt the Findings.

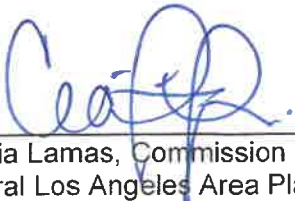
Commissioner Stromberg seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

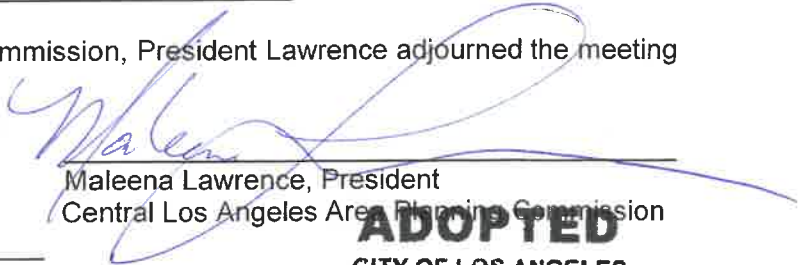
Moved: Kang
Second: Stromberg
Ayes: Geaga, Lawrence
Absent: Delgado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.


Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission


Maleena Lawrence, President
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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