

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
FELICIA MAHOOD MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
11338 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

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The West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission’s September 6, 2023 meeting was conducted in person at the Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center and via telephone and Zoom Webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Lisa Waltz Morocco called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. with Commission Vice President April Sandifer, Commissioners Haley Feng, Esther Margulies, and Marty Shelton present.

Also in attendance were Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner, Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant, Diego Vazquez, and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
Commissioner Margulies nominated Lisa Waltz Morocco for Commissioner President. Commission Vice President Sandifer seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies
Second: Sandifer
Ayes: Feng, Shelton, Waltz Morocco

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commission President Waltz Morocco nominated April Sandifer for Commission Vice President. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Shelton
Ayes: Feng, Margulies, Sandifer

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner, noted the following:

- On August 7, 2023, the West Los Angeles Community Plan team completed their third and final community plan advisory meeting for the year. The meeting was focused on industrial land, industrial concepts, and drafting a schedule and planned topics for next year's Community Plan Advisory group meetings.
- At the end of this year or the beginning of next year the Department will be releasing a story map which is an interactive GIS tool online. Stakeholders will be able to look at proposed zoning regulations and other features of the community plan.
- The Local Venice Coastal Program will be conducting light outreach events during the fall.
- The Wildlife Ordinance is still in Form and Legality review and awaiting scheduling for full City Council.
- The Transportation Communication Network Ordinance (TCN) is scheduled to go before the City Planning Commission September 14, 2023. This is a program in coordination with LA Metro to put up digital signage at 49 Metro owned sites. This will include zone changes to adopt supplemental used districts on certain sites throughout the City.
- In July there were over 500 applications completed which totaled to approximately 300 market rate units approved, and approximately 600 affordable housing units approved across the City.
- Last month within the West Los Angeles geography the Arthur Lloyd & Gertrude Sercy Reese House, in the Oakwood Neighborhood of Venice was designated as a new Historic Cultural Monument, it is a craftsman style home.

- Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Several speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 5

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CEQA: N/A

Plan Area: Brentwood – Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: N/A

Continued from: 6/7/23, 7/19/23

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 824 North Kenter Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Theodore Irving, Principal City Planner, representing the Department; Jaime T. Hall, representing the Applicant; and Kevin McDonnell, representing the Owner.

MOTION:

Commissioner Walz Morocco moved to put forth the actions below for the following project, as stated on the record:

Appeal of building permits issued for the construction of a new four-story single-family dwelling with attached garage, storage, recreation room, accessory dwelling unit, retaining and planter walls, deck, water fountain, pool and spa.

1. Deny the appeal and sustain the Director of Planning's determination dated June 13, 2022;
2. Deny the appeal, pursuant to Section 12.26 K of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, an appeal to the Director of Planning alleging that the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) erred and abused its discretion in issuing Building Permit No. 18010-30000-03098 for a new four-story single-family dwelling with attached garage, storage, recreation room and an accessory dwelling unit; Building Permit No. 18030-30000-04200 for grading for a single-family dwelling, retaining wall and deck; Building Permit No. 18020-30000-01813 for a water fountain; Building Permit No. 18020-30000-01812 for shoring for basement and retaining wall excavation; Building Permit No. 18020-30000-01811 for retaining wall and planter walls; and Building Permit No. 18047-30000-01149 for new pool and spa; and
3. Adopt the Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelton and the vote proceeded as follow:

Moved: Waltz Morocco
Second: Shelton
Ayes: Feng, Margulies, Sandifer

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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COMMISSION OFFICE**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.



Lisa Waltz Morocco President
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Nevery Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission