

NORTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
MARVIN BRAUDE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
CONSTITUENT SERVICE CENTER
6262 VAN NUYS BOULEVARD, ROOM 1B
VAN NUYS, CA 91401

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The North Valley Area Planning Commission’s August 17, 2023 meeting was conducted in person at the Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Constituent Service Center and via telephone and Zoom Webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission Vice President Diaz called the regular meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with Commissioners, Jaime Del Rio, Araz Parseghian, and Victor Sampson in attendance.

Commissioner Gerlie Collado was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, Clarissa Padilla, Deputy City Attorney, Miguel Hernandez, Planning Assistant, Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant, and Kiyarra Woodrick, Office Trainee Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
Commission Vice President Diaz nominated herself for Commissioner President. Commissioner Parseghian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Diaz
Second: Parseghian
Ayes: Del Rio, Sampson
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Sampson nominated Araz Parseghian for Commission Vice President. Commission President Diaz seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sampson
Second: Diaz
Ayes: Del Rio, Parseghian
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Jojo Pewsawang, Senior City Planner, had no report.
- Clarissa Padilla, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- Meeting Minutes:
Commission Vice President Parseghian moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2023, February 2, 2023, and July 20, 2023. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Parseghian
Second: Sampson
Ayes: Diaz, Del Rio
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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

ZA-2021-1137-CU-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-1138-CE

Plan Area: Mission Hills – Panorama City – North Hills

Council District: 12 - Lee
Last Day to Act: 09-04-23

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 8430 North Colton Avenue (8430-8472 Corbin Avenue)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sophia Kim, City Planner and Heather Bleemers, Senior City Planner, representing the department; and Jessica Pakdaman, Rosenheim & Associates, Inc., representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

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

Construction, use and maintenance of a new 15,381 square-foot childcare facility with a maximum enrollment capacity of 100 students, including up to 25 children ages 2 to 5 years and 75 children between the ages of 5 to 15 years. The one-story facility will consist of classrooms, offices, an indoor gymnasium, and an outdoor play area. The Project will provide 21 parking spaces. The proposed hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332, Class 32 (Infill Development), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines applies;
2. Grant the appeal in part, deny the appeal in part, and sustained the Zoning Administrator's Determination dated June 5, 2023;
3. Approve, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.24 W.51, a conditional use to allow the construction, use, and maintenance of a childcare facility for up to 100 children in the RA-1 Zone;
4. Adopt the Modified Conditions of Approval; and
5. Adopt the Findings.

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

Moved: Diaz
Seconded: Sampson
Ayes: Del Rio, Parseghian
Absent: Collado

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commissioner Parseghian adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.


Martina Diaz, President
North Valley Area Planning Commission


Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant
North Valley Area Planning Commission

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