

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 340
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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The City Planning Commission special meeting of November 2, 2023 was conducted in person in Los Angeles City Hall, Council Chamber, Room 340 and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Samantha Millman called the regular meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. with Commission Vice President Monique Lawshe and Commissioners Maria Cabildo, Helen Leung, and Elizabeth Zamora in attendance.

Commissioners Caroline Choe, Ilissa Gold, Karen Mack, Jacob Noonan were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Vince P. Bertoni, Director of Planning, and Lisa M. Webber Deputy Directors, and Donna Wong, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office Staff participation included Ari Briski, Commission Office Manager, Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II, Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerk, and Kiyarra Woodrick, Office Trainee.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Lisa M. Webber on behalf of Vince P. Bertoni, Director of Planning, had no report.
- Amy Brothers, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no commission requests.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

No speakers addressed the Commission during 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.

ITEM NO. 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

ITEM NO. 6

CPC-2022-9266-CU

CEQA: ENV-2004-1950-EIR-ADD5
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de Leon
Last Day to Act: 11-02-23
Continued from: 10-12-23; 10-26-23

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed June 27, 2023

PROJECT SITE: 1590 North Eastlake Avenue; 1425 – 1501 North San Pablo Street;
1540 – 1580 East Alcazar Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Esther Ahn, City Planner, and Heather Bleemers, Senior City Planner, representing the Planning Department; Dale Goldsmith, Bryan Eck, and Thomas Buchannan, representing the Applicant.

At approximately 10:11 a.m. Commission President Millman recessed the meeting. Commission President Millman reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m. with Commission Vice President Lawshe and Commissioners Cabildo, Leung, and Zamora in attendance.

MOTION:

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

Construction of a new seven-story, 143.5 feet in-height, multi-discipline research facility (USC Discovery and Translation Hub) proposed to be developed on the westerly portion of the USC Health Sciences Campus. The proposed building would contain two subterranean levels and comprise approximately 201,292 square feet of floor area. The proposed use would accommodate over 84 researchers and would support both "wet" (bench) and "dry" (computational) laboratory research.

1. Find, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, in consideration of the whole of the administrative record, that the Project was assessed in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2004-1950-EIR, certified in August 2006 and as supported by the fifth addendum dated September 2023, no major revisions are required to the EIR and no subsequent EIR is required for approval of the Project;
2. Approve, pursuant to Section 12.24 U.14 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Major Conditional Use Permit to allow for the development of 201,292 square feet of nonresidential floor area in the C2 Zone;
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
4. Adopt the Findings.

Commission Vice President Lawshe the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Zamora
Second: Lawshe
Ayes: Millman
Nays: Cabildo, Leung
Absent: Choe, Gold, Mack, Noonan

Vote: 3 – 2

MOTION FAILED

Due to a failure to act Commission President Millman presented a new motion.

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MOTION:

Commission President Millman moved to continue the matter to a date certain of December 7, 2023. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Millman
Second: Zamora
Ayes: Cabildo, Lawshe, Leung
Absent: Choe, Gold, Mack, Noonan

Vote: 5 – 0

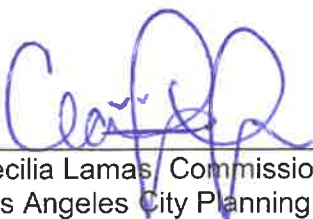
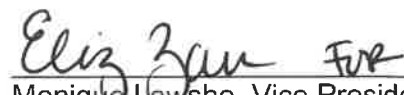
MOTION PASSED

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COMMISSION OFFICE

There being no further business before the Commission, President Millman adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.


Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant II
Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Monique Lawshe, Vice President
Los Angeles City Planning Commission