

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024 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 July 17, 2024, meeting was conducted in person at the Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center and via telephone and Zoom Webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission Vice President Sandifer called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. with Commissioners Haley Feng, Esther Margulies, and Marty Shelton present.

Also in attendance were Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner and Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office staff participation included April Hood, Commission Executive Assistant I, Diego Vazquez, and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

Election of Officers

MOTION:

Vice President Sandifer moved to continue the Election of Officers to a date certain of August 7, 2024. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sandifer
Second: Shelton
Ayes: Feng, Margulies

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner, on behalf of Director of Planning, Vince P. Bertoni, reported on the following:
 - The Mayor’s office released a revision to Executive Directive 1 at the beginning of the month, which includes additional protections for existing residential tenants, creates more safeguards for historic resources and sites within high fire zones, and improves the design, landscaping, and open spaces of new affordable housing projects that are developed under ED 1.
 - The Housing Element Rezoning program released revised ordinances a few weeks ago and will be holding a virtual public hearing on July 25, 2024, at 5pm, with a goal to go to the City Planning Commission at the end of September.
 - The Landscape and Site Design Ordinance will also be holding a virtual public hearing and information session later this month, on July 31, 2024, starting at 6:30 p.m. A

revised draft ordinance was released this month as well, and a strikethrough version showing the revisions is available on the project website.

- The Westside Community Plan program, the team is conducting outreach across all the neighborhood councils in the four plan areas over the next couple of months to present the Spring drafts and take additional feedback and questions.
- There were questions previously about the status of the Venice Historic Resources re-survey: we are working through some final contract items so we can move forward with the survey work. Hopefully in the next few months I will be able to provide more of an update.

- Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- Commissioner Feng announced a planned absence for the Meeting of September 4, 2024 and September 18, 2024.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one speaker who 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: ENV-2021-2055-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: 07-24-24

Continued from: 05-15-24

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 246, 248, and 250 South Sixth Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ira Brown, City Planner, and Luis Lopez, Planning Assistant representing the Planning Department; Siavash Showghi - Applicant, and Majid Nael, Majid Nael Building Design Representating the Applicant; Chris Fay – Appellant.

MOTION:

Vice President Sandifer moved to continue the item to a date certain of August 21, 2024. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sandifer
Second: Shelton
Ayes: Feng, Margulies

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Vice President Sandifer adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.



President Lisa Waltz Morocco
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



April M. Hood, Commission Executive Assistant I
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission