

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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 April 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 President Waltz Morocco called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. with Commissioners Haley Feng, Esther Margulies, and Marty Shelton present.

Commission Vice President April Sandifer was not in attendance.

Also in attendance was Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner and Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office staff participation included Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant, Diego Vazquez, and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerks.

Commission President Waltz Morocco announced we will not be following the agenda order and item No. 06 will be taken out of order.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Juliet Oh, Senior City Planner, on behalf of Director of Planning, Vince P. Bertoni, reported on the following:
 - The Westside Community Plan Update and Venice LCP Teams will be hosting a booth at Ciclavia on Sunday April 21st. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the City Planning booth at the Venice Beach Hub, near 121 Windward Avenue.
 - The Department released a draft of the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance. For more information and to review the draft, please visit planning.lacity.gov or email the team at planning.urbandesign@lacity.org.
 - Last week, the Planning Department released four draft ordinances to support the Housing Element Rezoning Program.
 - Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP),
 - Resident Protections Ordinance,
 - Housing Element Sites Ordinance,
 - Citywide Adaptive Reuse Ordinance
 - The release of these draft ordinances kicks off the next phase of public outreach for this massive effort. We invite members of the public to review the fact sheets and draft ordinances on the City Planning Website.

- The AI Fresco portal includes links to apply, information about fees, and also includes information about future webinars with links to the presentation material and recording of previous webinars, <https://buildla.lacity.org/alfresco>.
- Pariss Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- There were no Commission requests.
- Commission President Waltz Morocco and Commissioner Shelton announced a planned absence for the meeting of May 15, 2024.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers who addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

ITEM NO. 5

APCW-2022-3115-DRB-SPP-SPE-CDP-MEL

CEQA: ENV-2022-3116-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood - Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: 04-04-24

Continued from: 03-20-24

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed October 25, 2023

PROJECT SITE: 148 North Chautauqua Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brenden Lau, Planning Assistant, representing the Planning Department; Susan Steinberg, representing the Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Margulies moved to continue the item to a date uncertain. Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Margulies

Second: Shelton

Ayes: Feng, Waltz Morocco

Absent: Sandifer

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

ZA-2021-1571-CUB-CDO-1A

CEQA: ENV-2021-1572-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Park

Last Day to Act: 04-17-24

Continued from: 02-21-24, 03-20-24

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 1001 East Venice Boulevard and 2318 South Lincoln Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jordann Turner, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Planning Department; Veronica Becerra, representing the Applicant; and Todd Saligman, Appellant.

MOTION:

President Waltz Morocco moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with the following Project, with Modifications, as stated on the record:

On-site sale and dispensing of beer and wine in conjunction with the expansion of an existing 780 square-foot cafe with 12 interior seats including a new 735 square-foot patio with 36 seats, resulting in a cafe with 12 interior seats and an outdoor patio with 36 seats with hours of operation from 7:00 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 (Class 1) and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that any exceptions contained in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines applies;
2. Deny the appeal in part and grant the appeal in part, and sustain the Zoning Administrator's Determination dated November 29, 2023;
3. Approve, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.24 W.1, a Conditional Use to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with the expansion of an existing cafe in the [Q]C2-1-CDO Zone;
4. Approve, pursuant to LAMC Section 13.08, a Community Design Overlay Plan Review for the addition of a 735 square-foot uncovered patio with 36 seats to the exterior of the building in conjunction with the expansion of an existing cafe;
5. Adopt the Conditions of Approval, as Modified by the Commission; and
6. Adopt the Findings.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the commission, President Waltz Morocco adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



President Lisa Waltz Morocco
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



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

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