

SOUTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 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 South Valley Area Planning Commission’s August 8, 2024, meeting was conducted in person at Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Room 1B, Van Nuys, CA 91401 and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Vanessa Barraza called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with Commissioner Vice President Jasson Crockett, Commissioners Nareg Gourdikian, Lisa Karadjian, and Lydia Mather in attendance.

Also in attendance were Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; I, Blake Lamb, Principal City Planner, Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner; Commission Office Staff participation included April M. Hood, Commission Executive Assistant I, Diego Vasquez, Administrative Clerk and Tionna Simpson, Office Trainee Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner, gave the following report on behalf of Director of Planning Vincent Bertoni:
 - On July 23, Los Angeles City Planning, the Department of Building and Safety, and the Housing Department celebrated the grand opening of the South Los Angeles Development Service Center (DSC). Located at the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center at [8475 Vermont Avenue](#), First Floor, City Planning’s addition to the DSC creates a one-stop shop for South LA residents to access critical services to begin the building process and have better access to all three departments.
 - Access to City Hall resources and development services in South LA is an important step towards equity in L.A. Local residents and community members can access resources nearby instead of traveling to Downtown LA, the location of the next closest DSC. Applicants can schedule an appointment to receive support in navigating requirements and guidance on planning services. Small business owners can also visit the DSCs to learn about existing requirements that might help them with quicker processing times so they can obtain permits faster and receive information about new land use regulations and expedited case processing services.
 - This location will be more than a traditional DSC. This will also serve as a facility for other important City Planning initiatives such as community engagement for community planning initiatives and environmental justice outreach. This location is also in the same constituent service center that hosts the South LA Area Planning Commission and Crenshaw Corridor

Design Review Board meetings, which provides the local community a more accessible opportunity to increase community participation and provide local input on proposed projects and policy initiatives.

- We understand there is more work to be done, but this is a step towards propelling South LA for even more success. Providing a space for more Angelenos to learn about proposed land use policies is an opportunity for the community to provide feedback and participate in the planning process. Together we work to uplift the quality of life in our City.

- Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no 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

APCSV-2016-4179-SPE-DRB-SPP-MSP-ZV-ZAD
CEQA: ENV-2016-4180-EIR (SCH No. 2018041016)

Council District:4 -Raman
Last Day to Act: 08-08-24

Plan Area: Hollywood

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 3003 North Runyon Canyon Road

IN ATTENDANCE:

Blake Lamb, Principal Planner; Claudia Rodriguez, Senior City Planner; and Katie Knudson, City Planning Assistant representing the Planning Department; Chris J. Parker, Representing the Applicant Manual Valencia.

MOTION:

Commissioner Karadjian moved to put forth the actions below in conjunction with approval of the following Project:

Construction of a new, 5,500 square foot (sf), two-story, single-family dwelling (SFD) and 600 (sf) attached

two-car garage, and a fully underground 3,000 (sf) basement. The total Residential Floor Area of the new structure is 5,700 (sf) and a maximum height of 29 feet tall on a 197,435 (sf) lot. The Project involves the conversion of an existing on-site 2,018 (SFD) to an Accessory Living Quarter. The SFD includes three bedrooms, decks, pool, theater, and gym. A total of five automobile parking spaces are proposed. The Project is located within 50 vertical feet of a prominent ridgeline and is within 200' of public parkland. A total of 28-non-protected trees to be removed and one protected Toyon to be removed. The request also includes a haul route approval, if needed, for the following grading quantities: Cut: 14,006 Cubic Yards (CUYD), Fill 14,006 CUYD, Export: 0 CUYD, and Import 0 CUYD.

1. **Found** that the South Valley Area Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2016-4180-EIR (SCH No. 2018041016) dated March 2021 and the Final EIR, dated November 2021 (collectively, 3003 Runyon Canyon Project EIR), as well as the whole of the administrative record.

Certified the following:

- a. The 3003 Runyon Canyon Project EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- b. The 3003 Runyon Canyon Project EIR was presented to the South Valley Area Planning Commission as a decision-making body of the lead agency; and
- c. The 3003 Runyon Canyon Project EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the lead agency.

Adopted the following:

- a. The related and prepared 3003 Runyon Canyon Project Environmental Findings;
 - b. The Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the 3003 Runyon Canyon Project EIR dated November 2021; and
2. **Approved**, pursuant to Section 12.27 D of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Zone Variance to allow a second kitchen to be built within the new single-family dwelling without the removal of the existing kitchen in the existing single-family dwelling, for relief from LAMC Section 12.07.01 A.1;
 3. **Approved**, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.26, a Zoning Administrator's Determination to permit three retaining walls instead of two retaining walls of up to 10 feet in height as otherwise required per LAMC Section 12.21 C.8(a);
 4. **Approved**, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.26, a Zoning Administrator's Determination to allow 28,012 cubic yards of grading to occur on-site in lieu of the maximum "by-right" grading quantities as delineated in 12.21 C.10 (f)(1), and (2);
 5. **Approved**, pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.7 F, a Specific Plan Exception to permit construction within 50 feet of a prominent ridgeline as otherwise prohibited per the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan Section 5.B.1;
 6. **Approved**, pursuant to LAMC Sections 11.5.7 C and 16.50, a Project Permit Compliance and Design Review as required by the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 167,943);
 7. **Adopted** the attached Conditions of Approval; and
 8. **Adopted** the attached Findings.

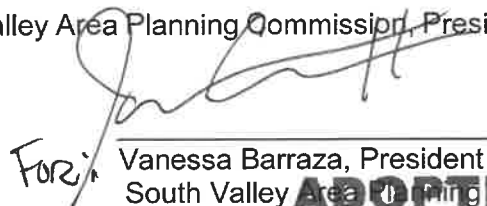
Commission Vice President Crockett seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Karadjian
Second: Crockett
Ayes: Barraza, Gourdikian, Mather

Vote: 5 – 0

There being no further business before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, President Barraza adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.


April M. Hood, Commission Executive Assistant I
South Valley Area Planning Commission


For: Vanessa Barraza, President
South Valley Area Planning Commission
ADOPTED
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