

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, 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 February 19, 2025, meeting was conducted in person at the Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center and via telephone and Zoom Webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President April Sandifer called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. with Commission Vice President Marty Shelton and Commissioner Lisa Waltz-Morocco in attendance.

Commissioners Esther Margulies and Haley Feng were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner, and Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney. Commission Office staff participation included Alma Sandoval, Commission Executive Assistant I, Marcos G. Godoy, Administrative Clerk and Yumi Kanegawa, Office Trainee.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Kiran Rishi, Senior City Planner, gave a report on behalf of Vincent Bertoni, Director of Planning detailing the New Zoning Code, Housing Element Rezoning Program and the Palisades Recovery efforts.

At approximately 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Margulies joined the meeting.

- Parissh Knox, Deputy City Attorney, had no report.
- Commission Requests:
Commissioner Margulies announced a planned absence for the meeting of March 5, 2025. Commission Vice President Shelton requested additional information regarding safety measures to be implemented alongside LA Fire rebuilding efforts.
- Meeting Minutes:
Commission Vice President Shelton moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024, December 4, 2024, and January 15, 2025. Commissioner Waltz-Morocco seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Shelton

Second: Waltz-Morocco

Ayes: Margulies, Sandifer
Absent: Feng

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

At approximately 4:42 p.m. Commissioner Feng joined the meeting.

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

ZA-2023-3336-ZAA-1A
CEQA: ENV-2023-3337-CE
Plan Area: Westwood

Council District: 5 – Yaroslavsky
Last Day to Act: 02-23-25

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 10281 West Charing Cross Road

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hershey, Associate Zoning Administrator representing the Planning Department; Isaac Lemus, representing the Applicant; Marc B. Nathanson, Appellant; and Dale Goldsmith, representing the Appellant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Vice President Shelton moved to put forth the actions below with the following project as stated on the record:

Construction, use, and maintenance of existing fencing and hedging that is 10 feet in height along the property boundaries with exception of the west property line, hedging along the west property line that is 20 feet in height, a new vehicular gate and one pedestrian gate 10 feet in height.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15303 (Class 3), and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Deny the appeal and sustain the Zoning Administrator's Determination dated November 22, 2024;
3. Approve, pursuant to Section 12.28 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, an adjustment to allow the construction, use, and maintenance of 10-foot in height open wrought iron fence and privacy hedge, vehicle and pedestrian gates, and pilasters, all located within the required front yard setback and a 10-foot in height open wrought iron fence and maximum 20-foot in height privacy hedge along the northwestern property line within the required front and side yard setback of property in the RE40-1 Zone;
5. Adopt the Conditions of Approval; and
6. Adopt the Findings.

Commission President Sandifer seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission President Sandifer adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.



Alma Sandoval, Commission Executive Assistant I
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission



Commission President April Sandifer
West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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