



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Meeting Date: August 28, 2013 - Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Valadez, Louie, Helsley, Pedersen

Absent: Commissioner Modugno

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Fabrizio Pachano, Principal Engineer

County Counsel: Mr. Joseph M. Nicchitta, Senior Associate

Planning Director: Mr. Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Louie representing the Second Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Helsley/Pedersen – That the agenda for August 28, 2013 be approved.

Vote-Ayes: Commissioners Helsley, Pedersen, Valadez, Louie

Absent: Commissioner Modugno

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. Mr. Alexanian reported to the Commission that at the Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday our Department had three public hearing items. The first item was to authorize the construction of two single-family homes in the Malibou Lake Community, applied by Donald Haskin. The Commission had previously approved the project but it was appealed by the neighbors. The appellants, the applicant and the community had several meetings

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and they developed revised conditions for the project that were satisfactory to all parties involved. Approximately eleven individuals testified mostly in favor, including the Homeowners Association. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky made a motion to approve the project with revised findings and conditions. The revised conditions included but were not limited to dedicate an easement acceptable to the Malibu Lakeside Homeowners Association for community recreational access uses; e.g. the park area shall be expanded; the landscaping shall be maintained in compliance with the approved plans on file; screen the new home structures; and to dedicate an easement for the street widening to accommodate the school bus stop. The Board denied the appeal and approved the project subject to revised findings and conditions.

The second item presented was the Quartz Hill Water District Project that involved a zone change for a public utility service yard and public utility service center. There were only two testifiers, both representing the applicant. There was no controversy and no opposition on this item. The Board voted unanimously to approve this project.

The third item presented was the Disney/ABC Golden Oak Ranch Project. Mr. Alexanian stated that there was an article written in the Los Angeles Times today that described the project and the Board of Supervisors public hearing. There were many testifiers present for this item, including the Mayor of Santa Clarita in support of this project. The Board voted unanimously to approve this item.

PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Permits

Project Approved

5. **(Continued from 08/21/13). Project No. R2013-01777-(2). Conditional Use Permit No. 201300090. Applicant: Alpine Village, Inc. 833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Carson Zoned District. To authorize a conditional use permit (CUP) to allow the on-site sale of beer and wine (Type 41) in a temporary tent facility for an annual Oktoberfest festival in the M 1.5 (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing Zone) in the Carson Zoned District. The temporary tent facility requires a ministerial plot plan approval, and the CUP is only for the sale of alcohol at the Oktoberfest festival. This project is categorically exempt Class 1 – Existing Facilities pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Mr. Seawards presented his staff report to Commissioners and provided clarification on the length of the grant term, which is three years, that the alcohol permit only applies to the sale of alcohol in the temporary tent facility during Oktoberfest, and that all

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PUBLIC HEARING (Cont.)

Zoning Permits

employees that will serve alcohol at the event are required to receive special alcohol server training. There were four testifiers; including the applicant's representative Mr. Charles Moore, all in support of this project. In addition, Commissioners asked follow-up questions to the applicant and staff. The applicant clarified that glass and ceramic steins are no longer used at the event. Staff clarified that the security plan would need to be approved by the Sheriff before the event begins.

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Helsley – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Class 1 categorical exemption and approved Conditional Use Permit No. 201300090 subject to the attached findings and conditions of approval.

Vote-Ayes: Commissioners Louie, Helsley, Valadez, Pedersen
Absent: Commissioner Modugno

- AMENDMENT MOTION -

Motion/second by Commissioners Louie/Helsley – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. 201300090 and to amend certain conditions as follows: to allow the event to be held over eight weeks instead of six; and allow the sale of alcohol up to 11:30 p.m., and allow the event to close by 12:00 p.m. midnight; the applicant must hold two community meetings during the Oktoberfest event, one at the beginning of the event, and one in the middle of the event, with planning staff in attendance, so that issues from the Oktoberfest festival can be swiftly addressed; there is no limit on the event tickets to be sold, and to allow the event operator to be responsible for that evaluation; establish a condition for a spillover parking plan; and require that servers show proof of their alcohol server training.

The appeal period for this project ends on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

Vote-Ayes: Commissioners Louie, Helsley, Valadez, Pedersen
Absent: Commissioner Modugno

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.)

There was a public speaker by Mr. Paul Merritt to address the Commission regarding an application for a Hillside Grading Permit at the property located at 3406 Barham in Universal City. The applicant had previously submitted a plan to the City and County to build a hillside retaining wall, involving a 12-unit apartment building but then the application was abandoned due to the recession. The second application was submitted by the new owners and is now pending. Mr. Merritt is requesting the Commission's assistance in denying the requested permit.

Mr. Alexanian informed Mr. Merritt that this property is within the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles has no jurisdiction over any building or grading permits in the City. He advised Mr. Merritt to contact the City Officials for these types of inquiries.

Commissioners also suggested Mr. Merritt to contact his City Council Office and requested for DRP staff to also assist him by providing this information to him.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

7. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

8. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

Commissioner Valadez indicated last week that she is not available for the next RPC meeting scheduled for September 4, 2013, and she had requested a date for a continuance of the case that she has on that day. Mr. Alexanian confirmed to Commissioners that this particular item will be continued to November 13, 2013.

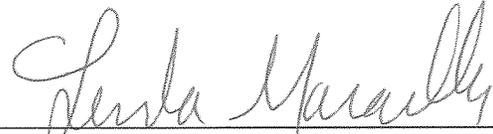
Commissioner Helsley stated that he recently read a planning magazine, and it had a good article on water and water supply and water concerns. He indicated that there was also an article in this month's Public Roads that discussed design of crossroads. He encouraged staff to pass this on to Public Works and we should take this information into consideration in the near future.

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ADJOURNMENT

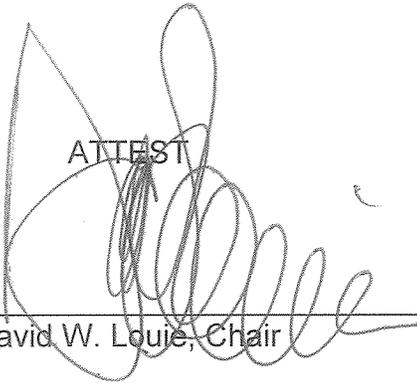
A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 10:32 a.m. to Wednesday, September 4, 2013.



Linda Maravilla, Acting Commission Secretary

ATTEST



David W. Louie, Chair

APPROVE



Sorin Alexanian, Deputy Director
Current Planning Division