



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: February 5, 2014 - Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Valadez, Shell, Louie, Pedersen, Modugno

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Andy Narag, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Mr. Joe Nicchitta, Deputy

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

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Valadez announced that last week, Commissioner Helsley from the Third Supervisorial District tendered his resignation after serving 13+ years of service to the Regional Planning Commission and with the County of Los Angeles.

In addition, she welcomed newest Commissioner Laura Shell to Regional Planning Commission, who is representing the Third Supervisorial District, Zev Yaroslavsky. She will assume the position of Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Pedersen – That the agenda for February 5, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved unanimously.

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COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Nicchitta reported to the Commission that in 2011, the Regional Planning Commission recommended approval of Landmark Village project which was the first subdivision under the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

In compliance with Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines the Final EIR for the proposed Landmark Village project, which consists of the following discretionary project approvals: (a) General Plan Amendment PA 00-196, Sub- Plan Amendment LP 00-197, and Specific Plan Amendment SP 00- 198; (b) Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53108; (c) Significant Ecological Area (SEA) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) RCUP 200500112 for project-level development within the Specific Plan's River Corridor Special Management Area (SMA)/SEA 23 boundaries; (d) Oak Tree Permit OTP 00196; (e) Off-Site Soil Transport Approval (part of CUP 00196 entitlement request); (f) CUP 00-196 for off-site grading in excess of 100,000 cubic yards and construction of the off-site water tanks; and (g) Modification to adopted County Floodway limits.

After the Board of Supervisors approved the project, it was challenged on CEQA grounds. The judge denied the writ and upheld the appeal in its entirety. There is a 60 day appeal period once the judgment is final.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. Chief Deputy Director, Mr. Slavin reported that at yesterday's Board of Supervisors meeting the Board adopted resolution approving the Housing Element Update to the County of Los Angeles General Plan covering the planning years 2014 through 2021. Upon adoption the Housing Element will be submitted to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for review and certification.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Pedersen – That the minutes for January 15, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Valadez and Shell being recorded as abstaining.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Permits

Project Approved

6. **(Continued from 11/13/13). Project No. R2008-00099-(1). Conditional Use Permit No. 200800010. Applicant: Chun Yi An. 1522 N. Indiana Street. City Terrace Zoned District. To authorize the operation and maintenance of a CRV Recycling Collection (classified as a “junk and salvage yard” in the Code) in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone of the East Los Angeles Community Standards District pursuant to Section 22.32.190 of the Los Angeles County Code. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Mr. Svitek provided the Commission with an update on the issues raised by the Commission at its previous meeting of November 13, 2013 related to aesthetics, on-site circulation, and the cleanliness of the facility and requested modifications to the site plan to indicate screening, landscaping and pedestrian walkways.

The applicant submitted a revised site plan: 1) showing an expanded 5-foot wide and 50-foot long landscaped area along the exterior of the fence along the Indiana Street frontage; 2) The proposed elevations show a solid fence with new solid gates that will provide screening of the interior of the property; 3) A designated pedestrian walkway from the store to the parking area in the rear of the property and from the front of the property and the recycling center; 4) A hose bib in the recycling center area will be available for cleaning purposes; 5) The circulation plan reflects adequate space for a truck to park in order to drop off a roll of container without impeding vehicle access to the parking area; and 6) Condition No. 26 – the permittee should maintain a regular program of pest and vermin control. Records of service shall be maintained for inspection.

The applicant Yi An Chun was available to answer questions by the Commission with staff Jennifer Lee providing translation. There being no members of the public present in opposition, no rebuttal from the applicant was required.

Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to State and Local CEQA guidelines, and approve Conditional Use Permit No. 200800010 with findings and conditions of approval. The appeal period for this item ends on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passes with Commissioners Modugno, Louie, Valadez and Pedersen in favor and Commissioner Shell being recorded as abstaining.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

8. 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.

9. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

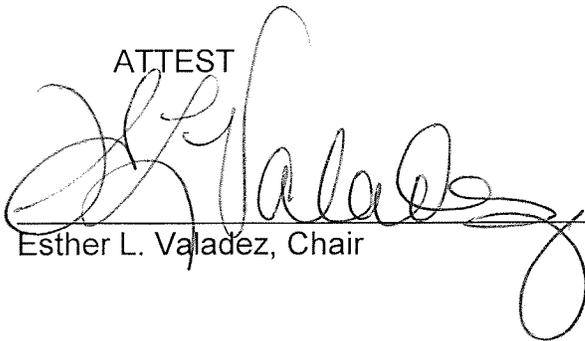
ADJOURNMENT

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 9:15 a.m. to Wednesday, February 12, 2014.



Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary

ATTEST


Esther L. Valadez, Chair

APPROVE


Sorin H. Alexanian, Deputy Director
Current Planning Division