

## MINUTES

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Meeting Date: September 20, 2023 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor, Moon, Hastings

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Jose Suarez, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Kathy Park, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Ms. Susie Tae, Assistant Administrator Current Planning Division  
Ms. Connie Chung, Deputy Director Advance Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Mr. Juan Padilla, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

1. The Land Acknowledgment Statement was led by Commissioner Duarte-White representing the First Supervisorial District.

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the: Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians. To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website

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at Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission – government organization (lacounty.gov).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner O'Connor representing the Third Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Louie – That the agenda for September 20, 2023 be approved.

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

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

4. County Counsel stated for the record that while this is an online meeting, it is a public meeting the same as if it were held in person in the Commission's hearing room and rules that allow for an orderly meeting shall apply. As such, when speaking on an agendized item, comments should address the item on the agenda and no other issues.

Similarly, if speaking during public comment, comments should be limited to issues related to the business of the Regional Planning Commission.

If speakers do not remain on topic, they may be reminded by the Chair or myself to do so. Failure to discuss issues not related to the agendized item, may result in the loss of the right to speak on the item or other items, if directed by the Chair. In addition, speakers should refrain from conduct that is disruptive of the meeting. Doing so also could result in the loss of the right to speak on the agenda item or any other items.

Disruptive conduct can include, but is not limited to, threats made against other speakers, the Commission or its members, or any others participating in the meeting, profane comments not related to the agenda item, or disorderly or contemptuous behavior leading to a disruption of the orderly progression and holding of the meeting.

In such cases, the Chair will advise that the behavior is disruptive and direct that the speaker's microphone be disabled. That person may, however, continue to observe the meeting. Further, disruptive behavior communicated to the panelists of the meeting, which include the Commission and County staff, may result in the removal of that person from the meeting by disconnecting them from the online connection.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

5. The Director of Planning reported on the following items held at the Board of Supervisors meeting: 1) An Appeal of Project No. 2017-003465-(3) for Construction of a Single- Family Residence in the Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. The Board approved the project and

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denied the appeal; 2) An Appeal of Project No. 2019-000686-(3) for Construction of 15 Single-Family Residences in the Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. The Board denied the appeal and upheld the Regional Planning Commission's denial of the Project; and 3) The Board approved the Green Zone Technical Update, which amends County Code, Title 22 Planning and Zoning, to include minor and technical changes to the Green Zones Ordinance.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/O'Connor – That the minutes for August 2, 2023 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/O'Connor – That the minutes for August 9, 2023 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/O'Connor – That the minutes for August 16, 2023 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Staff announced if you are joining us via telephone and want to provide comment on any of the agenda items, please send an email to [comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov) and provide the agenda item number, your first name, your last name, your email address, your phone number, and indicate if you are the applicant or not the applicant.

All participants' microphones will be muted during the meeting unless you have signed up to provide comment. If you have signed up to provide comment, your microphone will be unmuted when it is time for you to speak, and staff will call your name.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

North County Development Services

Project Approved

7. **Project No. PRJ2022-002160-(5). Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2022007972. Planner: Richard Claghorn. Applicant: Six Flags Magic Mountain. 26101 Magic Mountain Parkway Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area. To authorize the continued sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing amusement park in the C R (Commercial Recreation) Zone. This request is to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages within the theme park and water park outside of the current designated areas and to increase the number of venues**

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**authorized to serve alcoholic beverages from 11 to 19. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 - Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing, find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines, and approve Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2022007972 Subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Hastings, Louie, O'Connor, Moon in favor and Commissioner Duarte-White being recorded as No. The appeal period for this item ends on October 4, 2023.

Subdivisions

Project Approved

8. **Project No. PRJ2021-002804-(2). Tentative Parcel Map No. 83464 (RPPL2021007571). Planner: Michelle Lynch. Applicant: Jesus Millot. 2316 East 119th Street. Metro Planning Area. To create two parcels including a flag lot on 12,067.03 square feet within the SP (Specific Plan) Willowbrook Residential 1 Zone. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1-Existing Facilities) and (Class 15 – Minor Land Divisions) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/O'Connor – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing, find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines, and approve Tentative Parcel Map No. 83464 subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The appeal period for this item ends on October 2, 2023.

Zoning Enforcement West/Metro Development Services

Project Approved

9. **Project No. PRJ2023-002078-(1-5). Advance Planning Project No. RPPL2023003021. Gun Dealer Ordinance Amendment (Title 22). Planners: Andrew Flores and Melissa Reyes. Countywide. The Gun Dealer Ordinance/Title 22 amends Title 22, or the Zoning Code, to align with updates to licensing requirements in Title 7 (Business Licenses). This includes defining gun dealers, clarifying the allowance of gun dealers in certain zones, prohibiting gun dealers within 1,000 feet of a sensitive use and other gun dealers, and**

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**requiring a Conditional Use Permit for new gun dealers where permitted. In conjunction with Title 7, the Ordinance includes hours of operation and requires licensing. The Ordinance also prohibits the discharge or firing of a firearm on premises. CEQA Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3).**

Ms. Melissa Reyes and Mr. Andrew Flores presented the Gun Dealer Ordinance. The Ordinance implements zoning regulations with a 1000-foot buffer zone between firearm dealers and schools, parks, libraries, childcare centers, and other gun dealers in the unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Ordinance clarifies the allowance of gun dealers in zones C-3 (General Commercial), C-M (Commercial Manufacturing), C-MJ (Major Commercial), C-R (Commercial Recreational), M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-1.5 (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), M-2.5 (Aircraft, Heavy Industrial), and C-RU (Commercial Rural) with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and business license. It prohibits the discharge of a firearm on the premises of gun dealerships and allows for existing gun dealers operating legally to continue to operate without obtaining a CUP as a legal nonconforming use with no amortization period.

The Commission opened the public hearing and took testimony from two community members in favor of the Ordinance. There was further discussion by the Commissioners and staff. Staff introduced Ms. Monica Allen from the Treasure and Tax Collector who answered questions regarding licensing and Title 7 amendments.

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie –That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie –That the Regional Planning Commission Adopt the Resolution recommending approval to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors of the Gun Dealer Ordinance, Project No. PRJ2023-002078, Advance Plan No. RPPL2023003021.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The Matter will be scheduled for a future Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

Advance Planning/Department of Public Health

Project Approved

10. **Project No. PRJ2018-000002. Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2023003022. Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2023003222. Step by Step Los Angeles County: Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities. Presenter: Justin Robertson, Department of Public Health. Amendment to “Step by Step Los Angeles County: Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities,” a sub-element of the General Plan; to incorporate new Community Pedestrian Plans that propose pedestrian infrastructure projects for unincorporated East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-**

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**Firestone, and Willowbrook/West Rancho Dominguez-Victoria, and other minor technical revisions. The project includes an Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.**

Mr. Justin Robertson, Senior Planner with the PLACE Program at the Department of Public Health, presented the Step-by-Step Los Angeles County Pedestrian Plans for the Unincorporated Communities.

This General Plan Amendment would add Community Pedestrian Plans for East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, and Willowbrook/West Rancho Dominguez to Step by Step. These new plans were developed over the course of three years through collaboration across County departments and unincorporated communities, along with contributions from residents and stakeholders in each of the project areas gathered through surveys, workshops, events, presentations, and through Community Advisory Committee meetings. The goal of the outreach was to facilitate a dialogue with community members about the physical and social barriers to walking, identifying preferred routes along with potential improvements and support for roadway safety improvements.

The Commission opened the public hearing and took testimony from twenty-three (23) community members in support of the project. The Commission thanked staff for an outstanding presentation, stated that staff did an exceptional job in outreach and thanked the public for their comments.

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and adopt the Environmental Assessment for the project pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission Adopt the Resolution and forward Project No. PRJ-2018000002, Advance Planning No. RPPL2023003022, with the revisions by the Commission to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for consideration in a public hearing.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The Matter will be scheduled for a future Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT**11. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.**

Ms. Clara Solis asked that the Commission hold their public hearing meetings in the evenings to make it more accessible for the public to attend.

Ms. Sofia Quinonez asked that the Commission hold their meetings in the evenings several times a year and on weekends for the working families.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

**12. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.240.010.B of the Los Angeles County Code.**

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

**13. 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 in memory Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer at 11:24 a.m. to Wednesday, September 27, 2023.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST



Michael R. Hastings, Chair

APPROVE



Susie Tae Assistant Administrator Items 7 and 8  
Current Planning Division



Connie Chung, Deputy Director Items 9 and 10  
Advance Planning Division