

## MINUTES

Meeting Place: In-Person: 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Virtual (Online): <https://bit.ly/ZOOM-RPC> Webinar ID: 858 6032 6429 Or call by phone: (669) 444-9171 or (719) 359-4580

Meeting Date: July 31, 2024 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Hastings

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Ms. Phoenix Khoury, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Kathy Park, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. Ed Rojas, Assistant Deputy Director, Advance Planning Division

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

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1. The Land Acknowledgment Statement was led by Chair O'Connor representing the Third 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, Gabrieleno/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 at [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moon representing the Fourth Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Duarte-White – That the agenda for July 31, 2024, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor, Moon in favor and Commissioner Hastings being recorded as absent.

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 agenda 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 agenda 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. There were no reports given by the Assistant Deputy Director.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Cont.)General Plan/Transit-Oriented Communities

- 5(a). Project No. PRJ2023 001700-(2,3). Westside Area Plan. Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2023002433. Planners: Julie Yom and Miriam Thompson. An update on the development of the Westside Area Plan, which will incorporate amendments to the General Plan and Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code, including changes to land use, zoning, and development standards throughout the Westside Planning Area. The Westside Area Plan includes the communities of: Ladera Heights, View Park/Windsor Hills, West Fox Hills, Gilmore Island, Ballona Wetlands, Marina del Rey, West LA/Sawtelle VA, and Franklin Canyon.**

Ms. Julie Yom and Ms. Miriam Thompson presented an overview of the proposed Westside Area Plan (WSAP) Project. The WSAP Project includes a new draft area plan as well as land use policy and zoning changes. The Project is comprised of the following unincorporated area communities: Ladera Heights, View Park/ Windsor Hills, West Fox Hills, Gilmore Island, Ballona Wetlands, Marina del Rey, West LA/Sawtelle VA, and Franklin Canyon. Collectively, these are communities referred to as the Westside Area Plan Project. The WSAP was initiated in the Winter 2022 as an implementation program of the General Plan and the Housing Element. Staff discussed the different communities within the WSAP, including population, ethnicity, educational attainment, employment, homeownership rate, and interesting facts for each unincorporated community.

Staff provided an outline of staff's extensive variety of methods to engage with the public and solicit community input. This included hosting community-wide meetings, holding in-person library office hours, and attending community events. Staff also hosted recurring virtual meetings, which serve as forums for individuals or small groups to ask questions of the project team and be guided through our digital online offerings. In addition, staff continuously sent emails newsletters to the project contact list that consists of 870 recipients. Staff partnered with other County Departments and Supervisorial District 2 staff to broadcast and share flyers about the meetings throughout the Project's development. Finally, from May 2024 to present, staff has been holding virtual appointments where community members sign up to meet with a planner to discuss the Project and address their questions and concerns.

Staff stated that they are currently in the public comment period of the Draft Area Plan and EIR. After receiving feedback and comments, staff will include them as appropriate, finalize the documents with the expectation of bringing the Project back to the Commission in the Winter of 2024.

At the direction of the Chair, with no further questions for staff, the Commissioners accepted the update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6. 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

**7. 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.

**8. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports**

Commissioner Louie stated that the City of Los Angeles announced 82 arrests of the copper wire/scrap metal theft and asked if the Department’s Zoning Enforcement team is working with the Sheriff’s Department to help further investigate and inquire if there might be appropriate conditions that we can place on our vendors.

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.

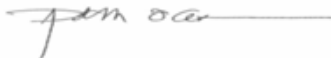
The Commission adjourned at 9:46 a.m. to Wednesday, August 7, 2024.



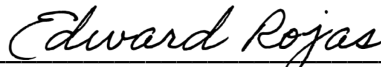
Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Pamela O’Connor, Chair



Ed Rojas, Assistant Deputy Director  
Advance Planning Division