

## MINUTES

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Meeting Date: September 27, 2023 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Ms. Aracely Lasso, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Kathy Park, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. Ed Rojas, Assistant Administrator, Advance Planning Division  
Mr. David DeGrazia, Deputy Director Current 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: Fernandeano 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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT (Cont.)

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 Louie representing the Second Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/O'Connor – That the agenda for September 27, 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. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Cont.)

Diana Gonzalez with the Zoning Enforcement Special Projects Section presented the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Did You Know Series*. Did you know that the origins of the Universal Studios lot dates to 1914 when the Universal Film Manufacturing Company purchased the 230-acre Taylor Ranch in the San Fernando Valley to build Universal City? Universal City opened one year later, in 1915, offering the public tours of movie sets and production activities for 25 cents. Today Universal Studios is known as the entertainment capital of Los Angeles, housing the Universal Studios Hollywood Theme Park, CityWalk, NBC Channel 4 and Telemundo news stations, all while operating as a full-service film production facility. About 85% of Universal Studio's lot is in the unincorporated County within Supervisorial District 5. The remaining portions of the lot fall under the City of LA's jurisdiction.

Historically, development within the unincorporated portions of the lot had been subject to the provisions of the regular zoning code under Title 22 and included the monitoring of 10 different CUPs. In 2008, we partnered with NBCUniversal to develop the Universal Studios Specific Plan. The Specific Plan went into effect in 2013 for a period of 25 years. It is under the guidance and regulations of the Specific Plan that NBCUniversal has developed some of its most notable projects such as the Harry Potter and Nintendo. It is under the guidance and regulations of the Specific Plan that we look forward to working on some of the most important NBCUniversal projects yet much like the Office Building and Campus project that is currently under construction and will transform the back lot. It includes an 11-story office building, an approximately 70,000 square foot employee amenities center, and an extensively landscaped paseo with gardens and pavilions. Also, under construction is a new 14,000 sq foot Sheriff Facility that will house the Universal CityWalk Sheriff Substation and service the security needs of the lot.

Environmental Planning and Sustainability

**5(a). Project No. 2019-002015-(1-5). Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan. Advance Planning No. RPPL2019003630. Planner: Cameron Robertson. Presentation on the overview of the structure and function of the 2045 Climate Action Plan.**

Mr. Cameron Robertson presented an overview of the structure and function of the Draft 2045 Climate Action Plan (CAP). The Draft 2045 CAP is the County's plan to reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions countywide. To reduce emissions and track progress, reduction targets are set for the years of 2030, 2035, and 2045, which are in line with State targets. To meet these emissions goals, the CAP identified strategies, measures, and actions for the 5 sectors of energy supply, transportation, building energy and water, waste, and agriculture, forestry and other land uses, which provides the framework to meet the emissions reduction targets. These include 10 strategies that are comprehensive goals within each of the emissions sectors. In supporting these strategies, there are 25 measures that are programs designed to track GHG emissions reductions. To achieve these measures, the CAP has 94 implementing actions that are comprised of policies, programs, or tools that contribute to reducing GHG emissions. Through meeting these emissions reductions targets, the CAP implements the General Plan's Air Quality Element and ensures that the County contributes its share to statewide GHG emissions reductions.

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DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Cont.)

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

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 HEARINGSubdivisionsProject Approved

6. **Project No. 2020-001386-(1). Tentative Tract Map No. 83183 / RPPL2020004447 (TR83183). Planner: Erica G. Aguirre. Applicant: MLC Holdings, Inc., c/o Aaron Talarico. 16209 East San Bernardino Road. East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. The proposed subdivision includes 68 detached condominium units, 179 parking spaces (136 attached two-car garages and 43 uncovered, onsite guest parking spaces), 26-foot-wide internal private driveways and fire lanes, two common open space areas with landscaping totaling 35,780 square feet, and stormwater infrastructure on one multifamily lot that is 9.61 gross (9.5 net) acres in the A-1-6,000 (Light Agricultural – 6,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. ("Project") Other Project features include an internal five-foot-wide walkway, six short-term bicycle parking spaces and 34 long-term bicycle parking spaces, and 231 new trees. The Project Site was a former elementary school, the Griswold School, and is currently vacant. a. Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2021005384. To authorize on-site project grading totaling 196,868 cubic yards ("cy"), including 98,434 cy cut and 98,434 cy fill. b. Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2020004450 / State Clearinghouse No. 2022020004. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) including the Final EIR, Draft EIR, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), CEQA Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, has been prepared for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000, et seq.). The Final EIR identifies transportation impacts for the Project as significant and unavoidable despite after mitigation. The MMRP also includes mitigation measures for the following environmental topic areas: Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems, resulting in less than significant impacts, also noting compliance with plan, programs, and policies in relation to Air Quality, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality.**

PUBLIC HEARING (Cont.)

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and certify the Final Environmental Impact Report along with the required findings of fact and statement of overriding considerations and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project pursuant to State and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Tentative Tract Map No. 83183 and Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2021005384, subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor, Hastings in favor and Commissioner Louie being recorded as No. The appeal date for this item ends on October 9, 2023.

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 22.240.010.B 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 10:05 a.m. to Wednesday, October 4, 2023.



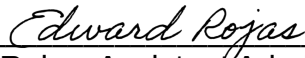
Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Michael R. Hastings, Chair



Edward Rojas, Assistant Administrator      Item 5(a)  
Advance Planning Division



David DeGrazia, Deputy Director      Item 6  
Current Planning Division