

MINUTES

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Meeting Date: December 18, 2024 - 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: Ms. Susie Tae, Assistant Deputy Director, Current 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.

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 Moon/Duarte-White – That the agenda for December 18, 2024, 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 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 Director/Deputy Director.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Moon – That the minutes for November 20, 2024, 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 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

Puente Whittier Development Services

Project Approved

7. **(Continued without opening the public hearing from 11/06/24). Project No. PRJ2023-001163-(1). Conditional Use Permit RPPL2024000241. Planner: Carl Nadela. Applicant: Athens Services. 15045 Salt Lake Avenue. East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. To authorize a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station at an existing solid waste truck yard and storage facility in the M-1-BE (Light Industrial - Billboard Exclusion) Zone. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 - Existing Facilities and Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Staff presented the staff report with testimony being followed by the applicant's Representative, Mr. Dave Oeffling, in support of the project. No members of the public were present in opposition, no rebuttal was required. There was further discussion by the Commission, and Staff addressed their questions.

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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 categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2024000241 subject to the attached findings and conditions with the additional modifications to the Conditions of Approval recommended by the Commission.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The appeal period for this item ends on January 2, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Subdivisions

Action Taken as Noted

8. **Project No. TR071251-(2). Planner: Marie Pavlovic. Applicant: Victoria Properties, LLC 1701 West 120th Street. Metro Planning Area. To create five residential lots in the R-1 (Single-Family Residence – 5,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. No grading is proposed. b. Variance No. R20090013. To authorize one 46-foot-wide lot, which is less than the minimum required lot width of 50 feet. The other four lots provide a width of 50 feet. c. Environmental Assessment No. 200900129. To consider an MND with impacts to Cultural Resources, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Louie – The Regional Planning Commission continue Project TR071251, without opening the public hearing, to February 5, 2025.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. **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

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

The Regional Planning Commission thanked their fellow Commissioners and the Department for all the accomplishments made throughout the year.

11. **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 9:50 a.m. to Wednesday, January 8, 2025.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Pamela O'Connor, Chair



Susie Tae, Assistant Deputy Director
Current Planning Division