

## MINUTES

Meeting Place: In-Person: 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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Meeting Date: July 26, 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. Connie Chung, Deputy Director of 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 Supervisory 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

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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 Moon/O'Connor – That the agenda for July 26, 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. Ms. Chung provided the following update: 1) The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution designating the Pearson House, located in the unincorporated community of Altadena, as a County Landmark; 2) Informed the Commission that the Metro Area Plan will be postponed to

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August 23, 2023, to allow additional time for staff to meet with community stakeholders to receive additional input; 3) The following DRP staff were promoted, Alex Garcia, who was the Section Head of Zoning Enforcement Special Projects in the Land Use Division was promoted to Assistant Deputy Director for the Land Use Regulation Division, he has over 25 years of experience with the Department; and Ed Rojas, who was the Section Head of the Operations & Major Projects in the Current Planning Division, who also was part of the Commission functions, was promoted to Assistant Deputy Director of the Advance Planning Division; and 5) Mr. Mark Herwick will present the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Did You Know Series.

Mr. Mark Herwick presented the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, *Did You Know Series*. At the time of the Regional Planning Commission's (RPC) establishment in 1923, its duties, in addition to holding public hearings on zoning and advising the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on planning matters, included appointing Directors, oversight of technical staff, initiating planning studies, coordinating subdivisions, developing master plans, and preparing the Zoning Code and zoning plans. By the time of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 1948, staff supporting the RPC had grown from less than a dozen to 69 in the mid-1920s. The work of the RPC expanded, and the BOS added a sixth Commissioner in 1937. Following the end of World War II, the economy started to boost, and the RPC continued its Master Planning Program with the adoption of the Master Plan of Freeways, the adoption of the revised Master Plan of Shoreline Development, and Master Plan of Airports.

On its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the RPC had completed its Master Planning Program, which included the landmark Master Plan of Land Use and Master Plan of Highways. Two other master plans initiated during the first 25 years of the RPC, Local Parks; and Heliports were adopted by the early 1950s. Staff supporting the RPC was close to 90 by 1955 and the RPC was fully engaged in preparing sixteen Area and Community Studies to substantiate the development of a Countywide General Plan.

In the early 1960s, Richard Neutra designed the new Hall of Records. The home of the RPC since 1962, the hearing room has been through several enhancements and refurbishments and will get a technology upgrade later this year.

The RPC's long-term work on Area and Community Plans throughout the unincorporated areas began to merge as the foundation for the County General Plan Program initiated in 1968. By this time, the RPC had a staff of 140 and was addressing issues including affordable housing and environmental degradation in its development of the County's first comprehensive General Plan. A preliminary General Plan called the Environmental Development Guide was adopted in 1970 and set the direction for comprehensive planning in the unincorporated areas for the remainder of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and beyond.

The RPC celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February 1973. Staff had grown to nearly 190 and two months later the RPC approved the General Plan of Los Angeles County. In September 1974, the BOS established the Department of Regional Planning (Department) thus, allowing the Commission to continue its service of advising the Board, reviewing, and acting on discretionary cases, plans, and ordinances through the conduct of public hearings. Today, the Department has about 210 budgeted positions.

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Including your membership today, 36 Commissioners have served since the establishment of the Department in 1974. The first Commissioner appointed following the establishment of the Department was Ms. Sadie Clark who served more than 22 years. Did you know that among the 70 Commissioners that have served since 1923 until now, 15 served more than 11 years? One of those is Commissioner Louie who has served 12 years and counting. Other long tenured Commissioners that Mr. Louie has served with include, Esther Valadez, who served more than 15 years, Harold Helsley, who served more than 13 years, and Pat Modugno, who served nearly 12 years.

Astonishingly, two other Commissioners served as long or longer than Ms. Clark. Those Commissioners being, Mr. Baum, who served for 23 years and Mrs. L. S. Baca, who served from 1939 until 1975, with just a two-year break in service. The 33 plus years served by Mrs. L. S. Baca is the longest to-date by any commissioner. Mrs. Baca was vice-chair half a dozen times and chair more than once. And did you know? The “L.” in Mrs. Baca’s name is the initial for her first name, Lucy.

**5(a) Project No. 2022-003630-(1-5). Advance Planning Project No. RPPL2022009338. Multifamily Residential Parking Study. Planner: Bruce Durbin. Presentation on parking strategies to increase housing production, such as Transportation Demand Management, shared and off-site parking programs, and other reforms of parking standards.**

Mr. Durbin presented a two-part discussion on the topic of parking and housing. Staff discussed the Transportation Demand Management (TDM), a comprehensive approach to managing traffic and parking, with a focus on how TDM can create community benefits and improve mobility and health by encouraging additional options to get around, such as walking, bicycling, car-sharing, and using transit. Staff discussed policy approaches to shared and offsite parking programs and other parking strategies to facilitate production of housing that will be more affordable for County residents.

The Commission opened the public hearing and took testimony from eleven community members, eight in favor and three opposed to the project. There was further discussion by the Commissioners and staff regarding what entails a parking study, what communities were involved in the parking study, providing safe transit, and staff addressed the Commissioners questions.

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

For further action and discussion visit:

[http://lacdrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](http://lacdrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1)

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- 6.** Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O’Connor – That the minutes for May 24, 2023 be approved.

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

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

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the minutes for June 7, 2023 be approved.

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

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the minutes for June 14, 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 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 10:58 a.m. to Wednesday, August 2, 2023.



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Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST



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Michael R. Hastings, Chair

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Connie Chung, Deputy Director  
Advance Planning Division