

MINUTES

Meeting Place: 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and Virtual (Online)

Meeting Date: May 3, 2023 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Ex Officio Members:

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

County Counsel: Ms. Lisa Jacobs, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: 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: Fernandeño 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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT (Cont.)

County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website 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 Moon representing the Fourth Supervisorial District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the agenda for May 3, 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 the Deputy Director.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR (Cont.)

Ms. Lauren De La Cruz presented the *Did You Know* segment: The Los Angeles County developed one of the first Oak Tree Ordinances in the state of California in 1982, prohibiting the damaging or removal of oak trees without permits, with amendments in 1988 and 1993 to include additional protections. Oak Tree Permit applications require a site plan of the development and oak trees, a certified Oak Tree Report, and Statement of Findings in order to determine the conditions of approval.

Did you know that there are 17 native species of oak trees in Los Angeles County, with the Coast Live Oak and the Valley Oak being the most common and all of them are protected under the Oak Tree Ordinance?

Ms. De La Cruz thanked the Commission for continuing to promote conservation of LA County's natural environments and resources, a special thanks to our staff biologists and all the support and knowledge they provide.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Duarte-White – That the minutes for April 5, 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 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 HEARINGSSubdivisionsProject Approved

7. **(Continued from 04/19/23). Project No. 2017-004465-(1). Tentative Parcel Map No. 74177(RPPL2017007148). Planner: Marie Pavlovic. Applicant: Brandon Chen. 15877 Fellowship Street. East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. To create one multi-family lot with three detached condominium units on 0.69 net acres in the A-1-10,000 (Light Agricultural – 10,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. This project is categorically exempt (Class 15 Minor Land Divisions) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

The Commission asked the applicant if he lived on the property, and asked staff to confirm that the Project does not propose a zone change, if the Homeowners Association (“HOA”) would maintain the walls, and if the buildings depicted in the architectural plans would be built to plan. The applicant confirmed he lives on-site. Staff confirmed the Project does not include rezoning of the property, that the conditions of approval require an HOA to maintain commonly owned property including any fences or walls on the property. Staff also stated that the architectural plans are concept, and if the applicant could change the plans prior to construction as long as the plans were consistent with County Code requirements.

Testimony was followed by nine members of the public all opposing the project for the following concerns: the projects density, traffic reduced street parking, the lack of project noticing process, building height, potential increase in crime, water supply, code violations on the properties owned by the applicant, impact on utilities and threat to the neighborhood character.

For further action and discussion visit:

http://lacdrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O’Connor – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines and approve Tentative Parcel Map No. 74177 subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed with Commissioners Moon, O’Connor, Duarte-White and Louie in favor and Commissioner Hastings being recorded as No. The appeal period for this item ends on May 15, 2023.

SubdivisionsAction Taken as Noted

- 8. TO BE CONTINUED TO MAY 10, 2023. Project No. 2019-001226-(1). Planner: Michelle Lynch. Applicant: EGL Associates, Eastern Realty LLC. 1539 - 1551 Arland Avenue. West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. a. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82526 (RPPL2019002338). To create one multi-family lot with four detached condominium units and three single-family residential lots (including two flag lots) on 0.76 net acres within the A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone. b. Environmental Plan No. RPPL2019002339. This project is categorically exempt (Class 15 – Minor Land Divisions) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Ms. Lynch informed the Commission that staff is requesting a continuance to May 10, 2023 to provide the full legal notification period of 30-days. There being no members of the public present, no comments or questions were raised by the Commission.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the Regional Planning Commission continue to Wednesday, May 10, 2023, to provide the full legal notification period of 30-days.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

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.

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

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 10:12 a.m. to Wednesday, May 10, 2023.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Michael R. Hastings, Chair

David DeGrazia, Deputy Director
Current Planning Division