

MINUTES

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Meeting Date: June 7, 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. Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator, 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: 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 Louie representing the Second Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the agenda for June 7, 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. The Director of Planning provided the following Board of Supervisors (BOS) update: 1) The Expanding Epic-LA to Streamline County Permitting and Entitlement Processes to Address the Regional Housing Crisis. The BOS instructed the Director of Regional Planning, in

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collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer and the Directors of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, Economic Opportunity, the Fire Chief and the Treasurer and Tax Collector to have all departments have an equal stake in the use of Epic L.A and to streamline and make the process more efficient for all applicants; and 2) Establishing Best Practices and Policies for Future Energy Storage Projects in Los Angeles County. The BOS Instructed the Director of Regional Planning, in consultation with the Fire Chief, the Director of Public Works, the Acting Chief Sustainability Officer, and Energy Utility Partners, to report back to the Board in writing in 45 days with best practices on the permitting of large scale, utility scale battery and storage projects. The Director Introduced Mr. Jackson Piper, Regional Planner with the Land Use Regulation Division, to present out *Did You Know Series*.

Mr. Piper presented the 100th Anniversary, *Did you Know Series*. He began with a little background on what led up to the August 6, 1947, RPC adoption of the 1947 Master Plan of Freeways. Southern California in the years leading up to World War II was a sprawling collection of small communities and several large, somewhat densely developed cities within a largely agricultural landscape. Most development was organized around, and connected regionally by, several privately-owned interurban rail systems and major rail companies.

As automotive transportation grew in popularity, road networks began serving landscapes not accessed by rail, and the demand for a way to speedily connect a growing number of automotive users on a regional level sharply increased. This represented a great shift in planning for both transportation and land use patterns that came to define the Los Angeles County environment that we are familiar with today. On July 13, 1936, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ordered the Regional Planning Commission to begin studying the potential for freeway development in Los Angeles County. This led to the production of the 1943 report titled “Freeways for the Region” that formed the 1947 Master Plan of Freeways.

The plan approved by the Regional Planning Commission on August 6, 1947 consisted of a gridded network of both freeways and parkways across the Los Angeles Basin, San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys, and extending east to Pomona and Claremont.

Did you know that the intent of the Freeway Master Plan was “was to serve as a pattern and guide for the orderly physical growth and development of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning District and as a basis for the efficient expenditure of the funds thereof relating to the subjects of the Master Plan, and to conserve and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare”.

Implementation of the freeway plan proceeded through the next several decades as rights-of-way were acquired and paths bulldozed through existing, often low-income and minority communities. Completed freeways opened new opportunities for personal vehicles to bypass the congestion of surface streets, but also enabled white flight to new sprawling suburban development, induced more automobile travel and more demand for automobile infrastructure, and exposed nearby communities to noise pollution and air pollution from tailpipes, tires, and brake pads. Eventually, public resistance to freeway development crossing political, racial, and class lines led to the cancellation or scaling back of planned freeways, with the result that only 61 percent of the planned regional system was ultimately built.

Coastal Development Services

- 5(a) **Project No. PRJ2023-000106-(3). Administrative Coastal Development Permit No. RPPL2023000159. Planner: Shawn Skeries. Applicant: Nataly Noriega. 20792 Medley Lane. Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. To authorize the construction and maintenance of 23 roof-mounted solar modules and appurtenant equipment including junction boxes and associated wiring affixed to the existing single-family residence. This project is categorically exempt (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

There being no presentation, the Commission received and accepted the information for Project No. PRJ2023-000106-(3).

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners O’Connor/Louie – That the minutes for April 19, 2023 be approved.

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

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O’Connor/Louie – That the minutes for April 26, 2023 be approved.

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

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O’Connor/Louie – That the minutes for May 3, 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 HEARING

Coastal Development Services

Action Taken as Noted

7. **(Continued from 04/26/23). Project No. R2017-004054-(3). Coastal Developmental Permit No. RPPL2017006647. Planner: Tyler Montgomery. Applicant: Matt Gifani. 25740**

PUBLIC HEARING(Cont.)

Mulholland Highway. Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area. To construct a new 5,390-square-foot single-family residence, 725-square-foot detached carport, and new onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) with 5,182 cubic yards of grading on a 9.9-acre lot. The project is located in the R-C-20 (Rural Coastal — 20 Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone. The project is categorically exempt (Class 3 — New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Class 4 — Minor Alterations to Land) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.

For further action and discussion visit:

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

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Louie – The Regional Planning Commission continue the public hearing for Major Coastal Development Permit No. RPPL2017006647 to provide staff adequate time for the arrival and review of necessary California Coastal Commission documents. The continuance will also allow the applicant to demonstrate a good-faith effort toward revegetation by implementing Staff's directive to spread the removed vegetation over the disturbed area and to then surround the disturbed area by temporary fencing. Staff has directed the applicant to provide documentation of these actions as soon as possible.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT**8. 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**9. 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.

10. 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 9:27 a.m. to Wednesday, June 14, 2023.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Michael R. Hastings, Chair



Mitch Glaser, Assistant Administrator
Current Planning Division