

## MINUTES

Meeting Place: In-person: 320 W. Temple St, Rm 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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Meeting Date: June 21, 2023 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

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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. Lisa Jacobs, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. David DeGrazia, Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Mr. Joseph Youman, Fire Prevention Engineer Assistant II

### 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 at Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission – government organization ([lacounty.gov](http://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 Hastings/Moon – That the agenda for June 21, 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 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. Mr. DeGrazia, Deputy Director announced that today is Ms. Lisa Jacobs last day with the County.

Mr. Mark Herwick presented the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, *Did You Know Series*. When the Zoning Code was adopted in 1927 the Commissioners primary charge was to create precise zoning for the entirety of the unincorporated County. During this period vast swaths of the unincorporated County were zoned unrestricted, labeled initially as Zone 7 and within a few years as M-3.

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While the Commission was coordinating zoning, the business of the metropolis was churning along. City and County boosters had spent the entire 1920s seeking to attract the Olympics. In 1932, the Summer Olympics were selected by the International Olympic Committee, the Los Angeles metropolitan area, an agglomeration of cities and unincorporated areas found itself at odds with the Great Depression as the event date drew near. The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee was struggling in early 1930 to attract the attention of countries to commit athletes to the Games. Seeking to defray housing costs for international athletes, the Organizing Committee devised an innovation that was birthed in View Park and set the standard for all following Games — the Olympic Village.

Did you know that the conceptual drawing for the Olympic Village was prepared by RPC staff artist Ferd E. Gramm? The drawing was presented as an informational item to the Commission on April 16, 1930.

Two years later the Village was under construction on a high plateau of the Baldwin Hills in an undeveloped area of View Park. Its location was the large undeveloped parcels comprising nearly 200 acres owned by the Los Angeles Investment Company, in which Anita May Baldwin had a substantial stake. Zoned M-3 and “loaned” to the Los Angeles Organizing Committee free of charge as a philanthropic gesture by Ms. Baldwin, the construction of the village was secured upon the strict stipulation that it be dismantled without a trace at the end of the Games. The Village was built in a little more than two months, just in time for occupancy at the start of the Summer Games on July 30, 1932. The Los Angeles County Health Department Housing Division had oversight of the Village construction and its sanitary conditions throughout the Games.

Even before the Games ended on August 14, the Village was being dismantled, any consideration of it being repurposed for temporary housing in the depths of the Depression was not entertained. Fifteen years later the precise zoning of View Park was completed on September 16, 1947, the Village site zoned R-1. It would be another 11 years before the Village site would be fully subdivided in 1958 and by 1965 single family homes covered the entirety of View Park.

The 1932 Olympic Village in View Park was a mere blip on the land. An innovative idea that helped the Games succeed and provided a model for future Games that was expanded upon in various ways. The 1984 Los Angeles Olympics saw two Villages, yet they were not specially built. Instead, dormitories at UCLA and USC were used. The 2028 Los Angeles Games are planning to do the same. The 1984 Games saw County Planning prepare an ordinance for temporary uses directly related to the Games. Uses included temporary housing, recreational vehicle parks, rooming house accommodations, and park and ride lots. One approval was for an RV park at Zuma Beach. The ordinance was in effect from March 16 to October 1, 1984, and thereafter terminated.

This view of the Village shows the undeveloped nature of the hilly View Park area in contrast to the far more developed flatlands of the City of Los Angeles. Nascent Leimert Park is on the mid horizon. While serving its purpose for the Olympics, its immediate dismantlement may have been a lost opportunity for housing those in need during the Depression. Its planning and operation were phenomenal, however, the political and social conditions of the time as well as

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the mission of the International Olympic Committee did not advocate a permanent housing legacy. Today, the mission of the International Olympic Committee is equity focused and hosting locales are required to demonstrate lasting positive impacts from the Games in their bid applications. While housing may not be built specifically for the 2028 Games to be expressly repurposed following the Games, the Olympic Organizing Committee will be challenged to ensure the Games showcase athletic prowess as well as provide equitable outcomes for the inhabitants of the metropolis.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

6. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the minutes for May 17, 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 HEARINGSubdivisionsProject Approved

7. **Project No. 2018-00318-(1). Planner: Marie Pavlovic. Applicant: Tsai Capital, LLC. 18002 Colima Road. East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. a. General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2018004782. A request to change the Land Use designation of the Rowland Heights Community Plan, a component of the General Plan, from C (Commercial) to U4 (Urban Residential 4 - Maximum 22 Dwelling Units Per Gross Acre). b. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 82400 (RPPL2018004778). To create one multi-family lot with 17 attached townhome units in five buildings on 1.2 gross acres in the C-3-DP (General Commercial – Development Program) Zone. The property is located within the Rowland Heights Community Standards District. c. Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2018004781. To authorize townhomes and a development program within a C-3-DP (General Commercial – Development Program) Zone. d. Variance No. RPPL2018005398. To authorize an exceedance of the two-story building limit and reduce the required front yard setback from 20 to 15 feet. e. Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2018004780. To consider an MND with impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural**

PUBLIC HEARING (Cont.)

**Resources reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and approve Vesting Map No. 82400, Variance No. RPPL2018005398 and CUP No. RPPL2018004781, subject to the findings and conditions and modifications of the removal of the gate and the moderate-income level housing units, and adopt a Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve Plan Amendment No. RPPL2018004782.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

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.

**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.

**10(a) Request to cancel Wednesday, June 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission.**

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/O'Connor – That the Regional Planning Commission cancel the Wednesday, June 28, 2023 meeting from the Approved Meeting Schedule.

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 9:41 a.m. to Wednesday, July 12, 2023.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



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Michael R. Hastings, Chair

David DeGrazia, Deputy Director  
Current Planning Division