

**UNOFFICIAL**  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
Ramona Hall Community Center  
4580 North Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California 90065

MINUTES OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUDIO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. AUDIO RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE ONLINE AT [planning.lacity.org](http://planning.lacity.org).

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Choi at 4:37 p.m. with Commissioners Alarcon, Leung and Stein present.

Commissioner Arellano did not attend the meeting.

Also in attendance were Craig Weber, Principal City Planner on behalf of the Director of Planning; Oscar Medellin, Deputy City Attorney; Rafael Vega, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Rocky Wiles, City Planner.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Craig Weber, Principal City Planner, had nothing to report.
- Advance Calendar:  
Commissioner Stein stated she would not be available for the meetings of August 8, 2018 and December 26, 2018. Commissioners Alarcon and Choi stated that they would not be available for the meeting of December 26, 2018.
- Commission Requests:  
There were no requests from the Commission.
- Approval of the Minutes:  
Commissioner Stein moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Choi and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stein  
Second: Choi  
Ayes: Alarcon, Leung  
Absent: Arellano

**Vote: 4 - 0**

**MOTION**

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**ITEM NO. 2**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no speakers who requested to address the Commission during public comment.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**RECONSIDERATIONS**

There were no requests for reconsiderations.

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**ITEM NO. 5**

*\*The following case was continued from the meeting of April 25, 2018 pursuant to Rule 9.6 of the Commission's Rules and Operating Procedures due to a lack of quorum.*

**ZA-2011-1260-CUB-ZV-PA1-1A**

CEQA: ENV-2017-3063-CE

Plan Area: Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley

Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

Last Day to Act: 05-09-18

Continued from 04-25-18\*

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

**PROJECT SITE:** 1320 North Echo Park Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fernando Tovar, Associate Zoning Administrator, representing the Planning Department; Gary Benjamin of Alchemy Planning + Land Use, representing the applicant and the appellants; Joseph Sutton, appellant; Ian M. Raikow, appellant; James Hamilton, appellant; Don Andes, applicant; Joaquin Reyna-Donaldson, co-owner of the Holloway; Officer Gina Paialii, Senior Lead Officer and Sargent Fernando Carrasco, Los Angeles Police Department; Craig Bullock, representing the Office of Councilmember O'Farrell.

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The Commission recessed the meeting after public comment was closed at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:16 and after the Commission deliberation at 8:05 p.m. resuming at 8:20 p.m. with

Commissioners Alarcon, Choi, Leung and Stein present.

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**MOTION:**

Commissioner Stein put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the following project with modifications to the Conditions of Approval as stated on the record:

The continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,600 square-foot restaurant and a 240 square-foot outdoor patio with 62 indoor seats and 18 outdoor seats and a single shuffleboard and hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

1. Determine based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 1, Class 5, Category 23, of the CEQA Guidelines, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exception pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Grant the appeal in part and sustain in part the determination of the Zoning Administrator to approve plans, pursuant to Section 12.24 M of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant;
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval as modified by the Commission, including a revision to Exhibit A; and
4. Adopt the Findings as amended by the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leung and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stein  
Second: Leung  
Ayes: Alarcon, Choi  
Absent: Arellano

**Vote: 4 - 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Donna Choi, Vice President  
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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Teri Stein, Commissioner  
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant  
East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

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