

**OFFICIAL**  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Minutes  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center  
8475 South Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90044

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The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. with Commissioners Bates, Orozco and Stern, present. Commissioners Anderson and Willis were absent.

Also present were Rueben Caldwell, Senior City Planner representing the Director of Planning; Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner; Ernesto Velasquez, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant, Rocky Wiles, Commission Manager and Jason Wong, Senior Administrative Clerk, Commission Office Staff.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Reuben Caldwell, Senior City Planner made the following announcements:
  - Michelle Singh, Senior City Planner will be sharing the role to represent the Director of Planning to support the Commission in future meetings.
  - The External Affairs Unit has released several training videos and they are available online on the Department's website. The first community outreached meetings regarding the General Plan Update Open Space Element. Those meetings will take place at the Leimert Park at the Audubon Middle School.
- Advance Calendar:  
There were no planned absences announced.
- Commission Requests:  
There were no requests from the Commission.
- Approval of the Minutes:  
Commissioner Stern moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 6, 2018. Commissioner Bates seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stern  
Second: Bates  
Ayes: Orozco  
Absent: Anderson, Willis

**Vote: 3 - 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

- Consideration of the Proposed Revisions to the Submittal Guidelines adopted in the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures

Commissioner Stern moved to approve the Proposed Revisions to the Submittal Guidelines Rules and Operating Procedures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orozco, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Stern  
Seconded: Orozco  
Ayes: Bates  
Absent: Anderson, Willis

**Vote: 3 - 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 2**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representative.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members from the public who requested to address the Commission.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**RECONSIDERATION**

There were no items reconsidered.

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**ITEM NO. 5**

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CEQA: ENV-2016-2564-CE

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

Last Day to Act: 02-20-18

Continued from 02-06-18

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Completed February 6, 2018

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Paul Forouzan, applicant/appellant; Kenneth Price and Ulric Carpenter, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety; Albizael DelValle representing the Office of Councilmember Harris-Dawson.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Stern put forth the following actions in conjunction with the disapproval of the following project:

A proposed enclosed auto body spray booth in conjunction with an existing one-story 5,766 square-foot commercial building used as an automotive repair garage.

1. Deny the appeal and sustain the Zoning Administrator's determination to deny a Zone Variance from Section 12.14.A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to allow an enclosed auto body spray booth within 500 feet of a residential zone; and
2. Adopt the Findings as corrected by the Commission.

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

Moved: Stern  
Second: Bates  
Ayes: Orozco  
Absent: Anderson, Willis

**Vote: 3 - 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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