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South Valley Area Planning Commission Minutes
January 31, 2019
Van Nuys Council Chamber, 2ND Floor
14410 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401

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The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Commissioners Beatty, Bishop, Mather and Menedjian present. Commissioner Dierking was not in attendance

Also present were Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner, representing the Director of Planning, Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney and Rafael Vega Senior Administrative Clerk, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner reported that the Planning Department held a five-year report on the Warner Center Specific Plan Implementation, which was attended by approximately 150 attendees. She noted that the report would be scheduled before the City Planning Commission in March.
- Advanced Calendar:
There were no changes to the advanced calendar.
- Commission Requests:
There were no requests made by the Commission.
- Approval of the Minutes – Commissioner Bishop moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019. Commissioner Menedjian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved:	Bishop
Seconded:	Menedjian
Ayes:	Mather
Abstain:	Beatty
Absent:	Dierking

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public requested to address the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

DIR-2018-1386-DRB-SPP-MSP-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-1385-CE

Plan Area: Bel Air – Beverly Crest

Council District: 4 - Ryu

Last Day to Act: 01-31-19

PROJECT SITE: 9228 Hazen Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dominick Ortiz, Planning Assistant, Courtney Schoenwald, City Planner and Michelle Levy, Senior City Planner, representing the Department; Elliot Megdal, appellant; Thomas J. Whalley, applicant.

The appellant stated on the record that he has withdrawn his appeal.

MOTION

Commissioner Bishop put forth the actions below, in conjunction with the approval of the following project:

Demolition of existing retaining walls and pool, and the addition of two (2) new retaining walls 10 feet in height, each of approximately 400 linear-feet, a new pool, a new spa to an existing 2,122 square-foot, two-story, single-family residence, with an attached, two-car garage on a 42,087 square-foot lot. The project includes new hardscape. The project does not propose the removal of any protected trees. The project includes 620 cubic yards of cut, 620 cubic yards of export, and no import or fill.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to City CEQA Guidelines, Section 1, Class 3 and Category 6, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption applies pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Deny the appeal and sustain the Planning Director's determination to approve with Conditions, pursuant to Section 11.5.7 C of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 167943), a Project Permit Compliance Review for the Project; and
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval and findings of the Planning Director.

Commissioner Beatty seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows.

Moved: Bishop
Seconded: Beatty

Ayes: Mather, Menedjian
Absent: Dierking

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the South Valley Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.



Lydia Drew Mather, Commission President
South Valley Area Planning Commission



Rocky Wiles, Commission Office Manager
South Valley Area Planning Commission

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