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Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
200 North Main Street, City Hall, Room 1070
Los Angeles, California 90012

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The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. with Commissioners Barraza, Chung Kim, Gold and Schultz present. Commissioner DelGado was not in attendance.

Also present were, Patricia Diefenderfer, Senior City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Ernesto Velasquez, Deputy City Attorney; Rocky Wiles, City Planner, Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerk and Bianca Gonzalez, Office Trainee Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Patricia Diefenderfer, Senior City Planner, reported on the Department’s recently released quarterly Housing report.
- Advanced Calendar: Commissioner Gold stated she would be attending the meeting of May 14, 2019.
- Commission Requests: There were no requests made by the Commission.
- Approval of the Minutes:
Commissioner Schultz moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barraza and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Schultz
Second: Barraza
Ayes: Chung Kim, Gold
Absent: DelGado

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations by any representative of a Neighborhood Council

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members from the public requested to address the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

RECONSIDERATIONS

There were no items requested to be reconsidered.

ITEM NO. 5

VTT-74129-CN-1A

CEQA: ENV-2018-2721-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Related Case: DIR-2014-4762-DB-1A; DIR-2018-2720-WDI

Council District: 5 - Koretz

Last Day to Act: 03-12-19

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

PROJECT SITE: 714 – 718 North Sweetzer Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nick Ayars, City Planning Associate and Jordann Turner, City Planner representing the Department; Keith Nakata, appellant; Neill Brower, JMBM, applicant's representative; Steven Luffman, representing the Mid-City West Neighborhood Council; James Bickhart, representing the Office of Council Member Koretz

MOTION:

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

A Vesting Tentative Tract for the merger and re-subdivision of two lots into one ground lot and 26 condominium units for the construction of a 26-unit multi-family residential building on a 14,612 square-foot site in the [Q]R3-1 Zone.

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332 (Class 32), and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;

2. Deny the appeal and sustain the January 11, 2019, Deputy Advisory Agency determination to approve, pursuant to Section 17.03, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Vesting Tentative Tract for the merger and re-subdivision of two lots into one lot and a 26-unit residential condominium building; and
3. Adopt the Conditions of Approval and findings of the Deputy Advisory Agency.

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

Moved: Schultz
Second: Gold
Ayes: Barraza, Chung Kim
Absent: DelGado

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Jennifer Chung Kim, President
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Rocky Wiles, Commission Office Manager
Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission