

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Thursday, December 13, 2018
6:30 P.M.

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Zacuto.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Anderson.

Present were: Chair Curtis Zacuto, Vice Chair John Asuncion, and Commissioners Kate Anderson and Michael Justice.

Absent was: Commissioner John O'Meara.

Also Present were: Assistant City Manager Nathan Hamburger, Planning Director Doug Hooper, Assistant City Attorney Nick Ghirelli, Assistant Planning Director Allison Cook, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ramiro Adeva, Building Official Amir Hamidzadeh, and City Clerk/Recording Secretary Kimberly Rodrigues.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

ACTION: By consensus, the Planning Commission excused the absence of Commissioner O'Meara 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Zacuto, Vice Chair Asuncion, and Commissioners Anderson and Justice.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Meara.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Justice moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Vice Chair Asuncion seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Zacuto, Vice Chair Asuncion, and Commissioners Anderson and Justice.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Meara.

NEW PUBLIC HEARING

1. REQUEST: Request for approval of an amendment to a previously approved Conditional Use Permit and Variance to: 1) increase the heights of retaining walls, and 2) modify certain architectural elements for a residence in construction; and making a finding of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

APPLICANT: Pouya Payan
Labyrinth Studio Design, Inc.
1600 Sawtelle Boulevard, Suite 230
Los Angeles, CA 90025

CASE NO.: AMND-01521-2018
(Amendment to CUP-01080-2015 & VAR-01081-2015)

LOCATION: 28254 Laura La Plante Drive
(A.P.N. 2061-017-007)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Exempt from CEQA per Sections 15301 and 15303

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommended the Planning Commission open and conduct the public hearing for Amendment Application Case No. AMND-01521-2018 (to Conditional Use Permit Case No. CUP-01080-2015 and Variance VAR-01081-2015), close the public hearing, and direct staff to return to the next available Planning Commission meeting with a draft Resolution of approval or denial for the Planning Commission's adoption, based on findings stated on the record.

Chair Zacuto reported that the Planning Commission had met in small groups, with Planning Director Hooper, for a project site visit and also viewed the project site from the rear yard of the property next door. No information was exchanged with either the owner of the property or the neighbor.

Following presentation of the staff report, Chair Zacuto opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Following distribution of the agenda packet, and prior to the Planning Commission meeting, written correspondence was received from the following persons, distributed to the Planning Commission, and made available to the public.

*Ron La Grassa, Agoura Hills
Dr. Amanda K. Herrin, Topanga
Greg Parrone, Agoura Hills*

The following person(s) spoke representing the Applicant:

Pouya Payan, Los Angeles, Applicant
Nima Payan, Santa Monica, Applicant

The following person(s) spoke:

Marsha J. Barker, Agoura Hills
Tom Mogan, Agoura Hills (*submitted plan*)
Susan Mogan, Agoura Hills (*submitted written correspondence*)
Michelle Barbour, Agoura Hills
Matt Shaffe, Agoura Hills
Tom Swift
Joshua Marhell, Agoura, representing Ron La Grassa (*submitted written correspondence*)
Joshua Chynoweth, Agoura Hills

The following person spoke representing the Applicant (Rebuttal):

Pouya Payan, Los Angeles, Applicant

There being no further public speakers, Chair Zacuto closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Following discussion and the need to hear from the applicant, Chair Zacuto reopened the Public Hearing at 8:53 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke:

Pouya Payan, Los Angeles, Applicant
Tom Mogan, Agoura Hills
Susan Mogan, Agoura Hills

There being no further public speakers, Chair Zacuto closed the Public Hearing at 8:59 p.m.

ACTION: It was consensus of the Planning Commission (*Chair Zacuto, Vice Chair Asuncion, and Commissioners Anderson and Justice*) to request the applicant work with their geotechnical consultant and neighbors to come up with options, regarding the height of the wall in the rear yard, and to work with staff to bring back a status update and/or resolution for consideration.

Chair Zacuto reopened the Public Hearing at 9:02 p.m. and, by Planning Commission consensus (*Chair Zacuto, Vice Chair Asuncion, and Commissioners Anderson and Justice*), continued the Public Hearing to January 3, 2019.

PLANNING COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zacuto announced the next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission would be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California.

ACTION: At 9:04 p.m., Commissioner Justice moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Asuncion seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Zacuto, Vice Chair Asuncion, and Commissioners Anderson and Justice.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner O'Meara.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC
City Clerk/Recording Secretary