

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301
Thursday, February 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mogri.

OATH OF OFFICE

As Commissioner Justice was absent, the Oath of Office will occur at the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

Present were: Chair John R. Asuncion, Vice Chair Kate Anderson, and Commissioners Murtaza Mogri and Jeremy Wolf.

Absent was: Commissioner Michael Justice.

Also Present were: Planning Director Doug Hooper, Associate Planner Valerie Darbouze, Director of Public Works/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 Justice 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Asuncion, Vice Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Mogri and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Chair Asuncion, Vice Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Mogri and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes – January 3, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

Item No. 1 was pulled and will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Minutes – February 7, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

ACTION: Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Item No. 2. Commissioner Mogri seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Asuncion, Vice Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Mogri and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice.

CONTINUED OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

3. 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 of the CEQA Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommended the Planning Commission approve Case No. AMND-01521-2018, amending Conditional Use Permit Case No. CUP-01080-2015 and Variance VAR-01081-2015, based on findings of the draft resolutions and conditions of approval.

The open Public Hearing was continued from February 21, 2019.

Prior to the staff presentation, the Planning Commission made the following comments:

Vice Chair Anderson reported that she was not able to attend the January 3, 2019 meeting, but had reviewed the video of the meeting.

Commissioner Mogri reported that he had joined the Commission after the previous two meetings about this topic. He stated that he had reviewed and was familiar with the previous meeting tapes and the written record for the project, and was prepared to participate in the hearing.

Commissioner Wolf reported that, as a new Commissioner, he had reviewed and was familiar with the previous meeting tapes and the written record for the project, and was prepared to participate in the public hearing.

Chair Asuncion reported that he had attended all the meetings and had listened to all the presentations and reviewed the agenda items.

Chair Asuncion (re)opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke on behalf of the Applicant:

Pouya Payan, representing Labyrinth Design Studio, Inc.
Shahin Benjamin, Applicant

The following person(s) spoke:

Matt Shaffer, Agoura Hills (*opposed*)
Susan Mogan, Agoura Hills

There being no further public speakers, Chair Asuncion closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

ACTION: Following discussion, Vice Chair Anderson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 19-1219**; A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT CASE NO. AMND-01521-2018 TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CUP -01080-2015 TO MODIFY THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 28254 LAURA LA PLANTE

DRIVE; AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, and Adopt **Resolution No. 19-1220**; A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT CASE NO. AMND-01521-2018 TO VARIANCE CASE NO. VAR-01081-2015 TO EXCEED THE APPROVED HEIGHT OF THE REAR, AND SIDE YARDS RETAINING WALLS NOT TO EXCEED 10 FEET IN HEIGHT, AND THE APPROVED HEIGHT OF THE FRONT RETAINING WALLS NOT TO EXCEED 6 FEET IN HEIGHT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28254 LAURA LA PLANTE DRIVE; AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. Commissioner Mogri seconded. The motion carried 3-1, with Chair Asuncion opposed, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Vice Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Mogri and Wolf.

NOES: Chair Asuncion.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice.

PLANNING COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Wolf thanked staff for providing guidance through the process and Chair Asuncion also expressed his gratitude to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Asuncion announced the next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission would be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California.

ACTION: At 7:37 p.m., Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mogri seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Asuncion, Vice Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Mogri and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Justice.