

#### **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

# **MINUTES**

September 22, 2022 1:30 PM

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: September 22, 2022 / 1:30 PM

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL** 

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Wolfe, Kaplan, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Ostroff

Staff Present: Timothea Tway, Cindy Gordon, Judy Gutierrez, Karen Myron,

Stephanie Cao

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Public Input: None

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration of Minutes of the Planning Commission regular meeting of September 8, 2022.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Kaplan, SECONDED by Vice Chair

Ross to adopt the minutes as presented (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Wolfe, Kaplan, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

NOES: None

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ABSENT: Commissioner Ostroff

CARRIED

2. RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CONTINUING TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Planning Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Ross, SECONDED by Commissioner

Kaplan to adopt the resolution as presented (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Wolfe, Kaplan, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ostroff

**CARRIED** 

#### REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

# **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

None

# PLANNING COMMISSION / BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS / PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS - NEW BUSINESS

# 3. 140 LASKY DRIVE

Time Extension for a Development Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Open Air Dining Permit, and Extended Hours Permit (PL2200169)

Request for a one-year Time Extension for a previously approved Development Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Open Air Dining Permit, and Extended Hours Permit to allow for the construction and operation of a new four-story hotel with restaurant and rooftop uses at the property located at 140 Lasky Drive.

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Edgar Arroyo, Senior Planner
Project Applicant: Boutique 140 Hotel, LLC

Project Representative: Michael Kollin, Kollin Altomare Architects, Inc.

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Ross, SECONDED by Commissioner

Kaplan to continue the item to a date uncertain (4-0-1).

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AYES: Commissioners Wolfe, Kaplan, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ostroff

**CARRIED** 

# 4. 9777 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD (GALPIN LOTUS)

Conditional Use Permit (PL2200209)

Request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a vehicle sales use to occupy the ground floor of an existing multi-tenant building. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Commission will consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA. (Alexandria Smille, Associate Planner)

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Alexandria Smille, Associate Planner

Project Applicant: Galpin Lotus

Project Representative: Jeff Skobin, Galpin Motors, Inc.

Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Commissioner

Kaplan to adopt the resolution as amended (4-0-1).

AYES: Commissioners Wolfe, Kaplan, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Ostroff

CARRIED

#### STUDY SESSION

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

None

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

#### City Planner Updates

- o City Planner Timothea Tway advised the Commission of the following:
  - The next event in the Mayor's Mental Wellness Series will take place on Friday, September 23 at 11:30 AM outside on the Crescent Drive side of City Hall, where the Community will have the opportunity to hear from Dr. Deepak Chopra. The event is free, but seating is limited. Additional information is available at <a href="mailto:beverlyhills.org/mentalwellness">beverlyhills.org/mentalwellness</a>.
  - At its meeting on Tuesday, September 20, the City Council considered the Cheval Blanc project, as well as the related appeal regarding the Tentative Tract Map. The Council voted 4-1 to return at the October 11 meeting to consider draft project approval documents, and to review the Development

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Agreement. The City Council was appreciative of the Planning Commission's hard work and thorough review of the project.

- The City Council also conducted second readings of the walls/fences/hedges ordinance and the medical use ordinance at the September 20 meeting. Both ordinance will go into effect in October.
- Newly-filed/notable project updates in the past two weeks:
  - Staff has received an application for a Development Plan Review and In Lieu Parking request to construct a third floor on an existing commercial building at 312 North Rodeo Drive. This will be a Planning Commission-level project.
  - Applications have been received for an entitlement renewal for 403
    North Crescent Drive (Crescent Hotel), and an entitlement renewal for
    a Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan Review for a public
    dining facility at an existing hotel (Beverly Terrace Hotel). Both of these
    requests are staff-level reviews.

# 5. Current Planning Projects List

Received and filed

# 6. 2022 Meeting Schedule

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

Myra Demeter, Ph.D.

Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair