

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Sayles called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Dana Amy Sayles, Vice Chair
Kevin Lachoff, Commissioner
Ed Ogosta, Commissioner
Scott Wyant, Commissioner

Absent: David Voncannon, Chair

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heather Baker.

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Comments for Items NOT on the Agenda

Vice Chair Sayles invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR SAYLES AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACHOFF THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 27, 2016.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: LACHOFF, OGOSTA, SAYLES, WYANT
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VONCANNON

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

Administrative Use Permit, P2016-0100-AUP, to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for on-site consumption, incidental to a restaurant, at 11060 Washington Boulevard in the Commercial General (CG) Zone

Commissioner Lachoff indicated that he needed to recuse himself from the item and he exited Council Chambers.

Gabriela Silva, Associate Planner, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER OGOSTA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: OGOSTA, SAYLES, WYANT
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VONCANNON
RECUSED: LACHOFF

Vice Chair Sayles invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

The applicant indicated that they were seeking a permit to serve Japanese Saki and beer in their sushi restaurant with the focus on food rather than on alcohol.

Brady Gunther, Los Angeles Housing Partnership, owner and partner with Culver City on the Tilden Terrace project, provided background on the development; discussed concerns with the sale of alcohol in a restaurant in a mixed use development; restrictive Administrative Use Permits (AUP);

meeting with David Voncannon as the president of the Tellefson Park Neighborhood Association; the restriction on the lease to the sale of beer and wine; having alcoholic beverages compliment meals; and he reported that no opposition had been received.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER OGOSTA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: OGOSTA, SAYLES, WYANT
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VONCANNON
RECUSED: LACHOFF

Vice Chair Sayles indicated that she had worked on the building 8 years ago at its inception; she noted that sushi places were not historically problematic in the City; and she expressed support for the AUP.

Commissioner Wyant expressed support for the item and moved to accept the staff recommendation.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER OGOSTA THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT (P2016-0100-AUP) TO ALLOW SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (BEER AND WINE) FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION, INCIDENTAL TO A RESTAURANT AT 11060 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE (CG) ZONE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: OGOSTA, SAYLES, WYANT
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VONCANNON
RECUSED: LACHOFF

Commissioner Lachoff returned to the dais.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Vice Chair Sayles invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items from Staff

Thomas Gorham, Planning Director, discussed scheduling and items to be considered at upcoming meetings.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that the special meeting was not needed; items to be considered and scheduling around the holidays; and joint meetings between the City Council and Commissions.

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Items from Planning Commissioners

Vice Chair Sayles announced the APA Planning Conference in Pasadena from October 22-25 and she noted that mobile sessions were available in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding staff involvement; the mobile session at the Helms District; and the availability of funds to cover Commissioner registration.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:20 p.m., the Culver City Planning Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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YVONNE D. HUNT
SECRETARY of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVED _____

DAVID VONCANNON
CHAIR of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Date