

**CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 AFTER 4:30 P.M.  
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL  
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, 10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1070  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

**Meeting presentations will be made available here (<http://tinyurl.com/CentralAPC4-9-24>) by Friday, April 5, 2024.  
Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive.**

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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Pursuant to the Commission's general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. Every person wishing to address the commission in person must complete a speaker's request form and submit it to the Commission staff.

**CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS CAN BE LISTENED TO BY DIALING (213) 621-2489 OR (818) 904-9450.**

**YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT: <https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/83007305983> AND USE MEETING ID: 830 0730 5983 AND PASSCODE 216844.** Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting and offer verbal public comment remotely to the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission can either access the link located above or call (213) 338-8477 or (669) 900-9128 and use **Meeting ID No. 830 0730 5983** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 216844**. For hybrid meeting participation information, please click [here](#). The ability to provide public comment remotely, an optional participation feature, may be subject to technical issues. Should technical difficulties occur or persist, the in-person meeting shall continue to be conducted. **Remote participation is available only for those wishing to provide public comment; Applicants, Appellants, and/or Representatives are required to attend the meeting in person.**

Written submissions, which are optional, may be submitted prior to, or at, the meeting. These submissions are governed by the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>. However, please see submission guidelines below which have been modified to accommodate the hybrid meeting format.

**Initial Submissions**, not limited as to volume, must be received by the Commission Executive Assistant no later than by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the week of the Commission meeting. Materials are to be emailed to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). **Secondary Submissions** in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than 3:00 p.m., Thursday of the week prior to the Commission meeting. Submissions, including exhibits, shall not exceed ten (10) pages and must be submitted electronically to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. **Day of Hearing Submissions** after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday before the commission meeting up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs. Day of Hearing Submissions are to be submitted electronically to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org) and 12 hard copies must be submitted at the in-person meeting. Submissions that do not comply with these rules will be stamped "**File Copy. Non-Complying Submission.**" Non-complying submissions will be placed into the official case file, but they will not be delivered to or considered by the Commission, and will not be included in the official administrative record for the item at issue.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the case. If a Commission meeting is canceled or adjourned due to lack of quorum, all remaining agenda items shall be continued to the next regular meeting or beyond as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the case or cases.

**Requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities**, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act can be made by contacting the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-1299 or by email at [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org) no later than three working days (72 hours) prior to the meeting. For Telecommunication Relay Services for the hearing impaired, please see the information located on the last page of this agenda.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this agency at or prior to the public hearing.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

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If you would like to receive a determination letter for any item on today's agenda, please email your request to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). Please include your contact information (email or mailing address) and the case number associated with the item.

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## **1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Legal actions and issues update
- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests

## **2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL POSITION STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution, or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Board or Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement by email to [apccentral@lacity.org](mailto:apccentral@lacity.org). At the Chair's discretion, presentations of Neighborhood Councils on any matter listed on the agenda for this Commission meeting may be taken at the time the agenda item is taken for consideration.

## **3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it **on non-agenda items**, for a cumulative total of up to thirty (30) minutes, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting and offer public comment to the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission, can either access the link located at the top of this agenda or call **(213) 338-8477** or **(669) 900-9128** and use **Meeting ID No. 830 0730 5983** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 216844**.

#### 4. **RECONSIDERATIONS**

- a. **MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** – The Commission may make a motion to reconsider a Commission Action on any agenda items from its previous meeting, consistently with the Commission Rule 9.3, provided the Commission retains jurisdiction over the matter.
- b. **MERITS OF ANY ITEM THE COMMISSION HAS VOTED TO RECONSIDER** – If a majority of the Commission has approved a motion to reconsider a Commission Action, the Commission may address the merits of the original Commission Action.

- 5. **DIR-2016-4920-SPR-1A**  
CEQA: ENV-2016-4921-CE  
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez  
Last Day to Act: 04-09-24  
Continued from: 03-12-24

#### **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 1719 – 1731 North Whitley Avenue

#### **PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Demolition of six existing structures with 40 dwelling units and the construction, use, and maintenance of a 10-story, 160-room hotel with 122 automobile parking spaces.

#### **APPEAL:**

An appeal of the December 20, 2023, Director of Planning determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15332 (Class 32), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Conditionally Approved, pursuant to Section 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a Site Plan Review for a development project which results in an increase of 50 or more guest rooms; and
3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

**Applicant:** Fairborz Moshfegz, Whitley Apartments LLC  
Representative: Matthew Hayden, Hayden Planning

**Appellant:** Casey Maddren, United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles

**Staff:** Heather Bleemers, Senior City Planner  
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6. [DIR-2022-4412-WDI-1A](#)  
CEQA: ENV-2022-4413-CE  
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez  
Last Day to Act: 05-31-24

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**PROJECT SITE:** 400 North Kingsley Drive

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Construction, use, and maintenance of two, four-story duplexes with attached garages, for a total of four units. The Project includes a request for a Waiver of Street Dedication of eight feet along the east side of North Kingsley Drive.

**APPEAL:**

An appeal of the January 3, 2024, Director of Planning determination which:

1. Found that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(4) and 15270, as a Project that is disapproved\*;
2. Denied, pursuant to Section 12.37 I.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Waiver of Street Dedication of eight feet along the east side of North Kingsley Drive; and
3. Adopted the Findings.

\*Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to “projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves.”

\*If the Central Area Planning Commission elects to grant the appeal, either in whole or in part, and to overturn the Planning Director’s determination, the Commission may also consider a Categorical Exemption from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303, Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and may make a determination that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, applies.

**Applicant/**

**Appellant:** Ki Whan Pak  
Representative: Steve S. Kim, GSD Partners

**Staff:** Linda Lou, City Planner  
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The next regular meeting of the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission  
will be held on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 after 4:30 p.m.**

Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 1070  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Notice to Paid Representatives:**

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org).

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What forms of TRS are available? There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TIY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service. Please visit this site for detailed descriptions, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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