# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION \*CORRECTED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 after 8:30 a.m. (via TELECONFERENCE)

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#### POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the City Planning Commission meeting will be conducted using zoom webinar and telephonically.

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AND USE MEETING ID: 845 1718 4303 AND MEETING PASSCODE: 162459.

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# 1. <u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS</u>

- Update on City Planning Commission Status Reports and Active Assignments
  - LACP Report on City Council Actions for Entitlement Cases Considered by the CPC
- Legal actions and issues update
- Other Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests
- Meeting Minutes March 25, 2021

# 2. **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Presentation 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 <a href="mailto:cpc@lacity.org">cpc@lacity.org</a>. THESE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TIME THE AGENDA ITEM IS CALLED 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.

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# 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 8.3, 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. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (No Items)

Consent Calendar items are considered to be not controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. The Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the item is removed from the Consent Calendar, in which event the item will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda.

# 6. VTT-74890-CN-1A

CEQA: ENV-2017-438-EIR; SCH No. 2018051050

Plan Area: Central City North

Related Case: CPC-2017-437-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-VCU-MCUP-SPR

#### PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

**PROJECT SITE:** 2117 – 2147 East Violet Street; 2118 – 2142 East 7th Place

#### PROPOSED PROJECT:

Vesting Tentative Tract Map for the merger and re-subdivision of an approximate 96,523 square-foot site (2.2-acres) comprised of 16 existing lots into three (3) ground lots, and 353 residential and eight (8) commercial condominiums; and a Haul Route approval for export of 239,500 cubic yards of soil, for the construction of a mixed-use development consisting of 347 new live-work units, approximately 187,374 square feet of new office space, 21,858 square feet of new commercial uses, and a 926 square foot ground floor community room, including six levels of subterranean parking.

## APPEAL:

An appeal of the February 23, 2021, Deputy Advisory Agency's Determination which:

1. Found, pursuant to Sections 21082.1(c) and 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code, the Advisory Agency reviewed and considered the information contained in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for this Project, which includes the Draft EIR, Case No. ENV-2017-438 EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2018051050), dated June 2020, the Final EIR, dated December 2020, and an Erratum dated February 2021 (collectively, the 2143 Violet Street Project EIR), as well as the whole of the administrative record.

# **CERTIFIED** the following:

- a. The 2143 Violet Street Project EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- The 2143 Violet Street Project EIR was presented to the Advisory Agency as a decisionmaking body of the lead agency; and
- c. The 2143 Violet Street Project EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the lead agency.

# **ADOPTED** the following:

- a. The related and prepared 2143 Violet Street Project EIR CEQA Findings;
- b. The Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
- c. The Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the 2143 Violet Street Project EIR.
- 2. Conditionally Approved, pursuant to Section 17.15 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 74890-CN, located at 2117 2147 East Violet Street and

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2118 - 2142 East 7th Place, for the merger and re-subdivision of 16 existing lots into three ground lots, and 353 residential and eight commercial condominiums; and a Haul Route approval for the export of 239,500 cubic yards of soil as shown on the map stamp-dated February 22, 2021; and

3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: Mark Spector, Onni Capital, LLC

Representative: Dale Goldsmith, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, LLP

Appellant: Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (SWRCC)

Representative: Mitchell M. Tsai, Attorney at Law

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7. CPC-2017-437-GPAJ-VZCJ-HD-VCU -MCUP-SPR

Council District: 14 – de León CEQA: ENV-2017-438-EIR; SCH No. 2018051050 Last Day to Act: 04-08-21

Plan Area: Central City North Related Case: VTT-74890-CN-1A

PUBLIC HEARING – Completed December 23, 2020

PROJECT SITE: 2117 - 2147 East Violet Street; 2118 - 2142 East 7th Place

#### PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Project would include up to 347 new live-work units, approximately 187,374 square feet of new office space, 21,858 square feet of new commercial uses, and a 926 square-foot community room on a 96,523-square-foot (2.2-acre) Site (Project Site). Of the 347 new live-work units, in compliance with Measure JJJ, five percent of the total proposed rental units (up to 18 units) would be set aside for Extremely Low-Income Households and 11 percent of the total proposed rental units (up to 39 units) would be set aside for Very Low-Income Households. If the new residential units are provided for-sale, then instead, 11 percent of the total proposed for-sale units (up to 39 units) would be set aside for Very Low Income Households. If both rental and for-sale units are provided, the Project shall comply with the applicable rental and for-sale provisions. The uses would be located in a 36-story residential tower with a maximum height of 425 feet and an eightstory office building with a maximum height of 131 feet. In addition, five existing buildings located on the northern portion of the Project Site, that comprise approximately 56,686 square feet, would be retained with six currently vacant live-work units, office, retail, restaurant, and warehouse uses. Two additional existing buildings that comprise approximately 6,844 square feet and contain four vacant live-work units, as well as two open sheds, and surface parking areas located on the southern portion of the Site, would all be demolished. Upon completion, the Project's total floor area would be 569,448 square feet, with a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 6:1.

# **REQUESTED ACTIONS:**

- 1. Pursuant to Section 21082.1(c)(3) of the California Public Resources Code, the consideration and certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for this project, which includes the Draft EIR ENV-2017-438-EIR, (SCH No. 2018051050) dated June 2020, the Final EIR, dated December 2020, and the Errata dated February 2021, (2143 Violet Street Project EIR) and adoption of the Statement of Overriding Considerations setting forth the reason and benefits of adopting the EIR with full knowledge that significant impacts may remain;
- 2. Pursuant to Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code, the adoption of the proposed Mitigation Measures and Mitigation Monitoring Program;
- 3. Pursuant to Section 21081 of the California Public Resources Code, the adoption of the required findings for the certification of the EIR;

- 4. Pursuant to the Los Angeles City Charter Section 555 and Section 11.5.6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a General Plan Amendment to the Central City North Community Plan to change the land use designation from Heavy Industrial to Regional Center Commercial;
- 5. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32 Q, a Vesting Zone and Height District Change from M3-1-RIO to [T][Q]C2-2-RIO and pursuant to LAMC Section 11.5.11(e), a Developer Incentive to permit a zero-foot side yard in lieu of the 16 feet otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.14 C.2 for the residential floors along the eastern property line:
- 6. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.19, a Vesting Conditional Use Permit to permit floor area averaging and residential density transfer within a Unified Mixed-Use Development in a C Zone;
- 7. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 W.1, a Main Conditional Use Permit for the onsite sale of a full-line of alcoholic beverages within 10 establishments; and
- 8. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.50, a Site Plan Review for a project resulting in an increase of 50 or more dwelling units and more than 50,000 gross square feet on non-residential floor area.

Applicant: Mark Spector, Onni Capital, LLC

Representative: Dale Goldsmith, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, LLP

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8. DIR-2020-2067-TOC-1A

CEQA: ENV-2020-2068-CE Last Day to Act: 04-08-21

Plan Area: Wilshire

#### **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

PROJECT SITE: 1447 South Hi Point Street

## PROPOSED PROJECT:

Demolition of an existing single-family residential structure, and the construction, use, and maintenance of a new, five-story, multi-family residential building over one level of subterranean parking. The project will contain 20 dwelling units, of which two units will be set aside for Extremely Low Income Households. The proposed building will encompass approximately 20,093 square feet in total building area. The Project proposes to provide 24 automobile parking spaces and 22 bicycle parking spaces.

#### APPEAL:

An appeal of the December 30, 2020, Planning Director's 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. Approved with Conditions, pursuant to Section 12.22 A.31 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a 70 percent increase in density, consistent with the provisions of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program along with the following three incentives for a qualifying Tier 3 Project totaling 20 dwelling units, reserving two units for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household occupancy for a period of 55 years:
  - a. Yard/Setback, A 30 percent reduction in the required width of the two side yards to provide a minimum setback of five feet eight inches in lieu of the minimum eight feet otherwise reauired:
  - b. Height. A maximum increase of 22 feet in building height to permit a maximum building height of 57 feet in lieu of the maximum 35 feet otherwise permitted; and

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- c. Open Space. A maximum reduction of 25 percent in the required amount of open space;
   and
- 3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: Hi Point M, LLC

Representative: Matthew Hayden, Hayden Planning

**Appellants:** 1. Elaine Johnson, LA GLO Inc.

Representative: Jamie T. Hall, Channel Law Group, LLP

2. Katelyn Foley

3. Annette Wong and Brandon Araujo

4. John Kim

5. Sarah Reed

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# 9. TOPIC: How Structural Racism Impacts the Land Use and Planning Process

\* The Commission will hear a follow up staff presentation on the comments provided by the public on the January 21, 2021 Equity Day and provide an opportunity for public comment on this item for up to 60 minutes.

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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 detail descriptions, https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs.

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