

**SOUTH VALLEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AFTER 4:30 P.M.
(via TELECONFERENCE)**

Meeting presentations will be made available (<https://tinyurl.com/SouthValleyAPC9-22-22>) by September 19, 2022. Compliant Day of Submissions will be added to this drive as they are received.

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POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the South Valley Area Planning Commission's September 22, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

SOUTH VALLEY 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/87285751095> AND USE MEETING ID: 872 8575 1095 AND PASSCODE 638815.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting and offer public comment to the South Valley Area Planning Commission can either access the link located above or call (213) 338-8477 or (669) 900-9128 and use **Meeting ID No. 872 8575 1095** and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Please use **Meeting Passcode 638815**. For virtual meeting participation information, please click [here](#).

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.

Written submissions are governed by Rule 4.3 of the South Valley Area Planning Commission Rules and Operating Procedures which are posted online at <https://planning.lacity.org>, by selecting "About," "Commissioners," "Area Planning Commissions," "South Valley Area Planning Commission," and "Operating Procedures." However, please see revised submission guidelines below which have been modified in order to accommodate the conduct of the meeting telephonically.

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 must be emailed to apcsouthvalley@lacity.org. **Secondary Submissions** in response to a Staff Recommendation Report or additional comments must be received electronically no later than 48-hours before the Commission meeting. Submissions shall not exceed ten (10) pages, including exhibits, and must be submitted electronically to apcsouthvalley@lacity.org. **Day of Hearing Submissions** within 48 hours of the meeting, up to and including the day of the meeting are limited to 2 pages plus accompanying photographs and must be submitted electronically to apcsouthvalley@lacity.org. Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. 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) 526-7123 or by email at

apcsouthvalley@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 agendized here, 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.

Agendas and Adopted Minutes are available online at <http://planning.lacity.org>, by selecting "About," "Commissions, Boards & Hearings," filter by "South Valley Area Planning Commission." For additional information regarding the format of this telephonic public meeting, please visit our website at <http://planning.lacity.org>.

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

Información en español acerca de esta junta puede ser obtenida llamando al (213) 978-1300. Servicios de traducción al español están disponibles, de ser solicitados con un mínimo de 72 horas de anticipación, en todas las juntas de la comisión.

1. **[DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE](#)**

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), (e)(3)(A), and (e)(3)(B)(i), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission Action.

2. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Items of Interest
- Advance Calendar
- Commission Requests
- Approval of Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2022

3. **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 apcsouthvalley@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 is taken for consideration.

4. **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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5. 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.

6. AA-2019-1556-PMLA-1A

CEQA: ENV-2019-1557-CE

Plan Area: Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks

Council District: 6 - Martinez

**Last Day to Act: 10-14-22

Continued from: 07-28-22

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 15105 West Hamlin Street; 15102 West Haynes Street; and
15106 West Haynes Street

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Subdivision of one lot, totaling 20,151 square feet into three parcels (Parcels A, B, and C) for the use and maintenance of three single-family dwellings with associated adjustments for minor reductions in lot area and yards associated with the retention of existing structures. The Project site is developed with three single-family dwellings with attached and detached garages to remain along with the addition of a new 400-square-foot carport on Parcel C.

APPEAL:

A Partial Appeal (Condition No. 21(e)) of the May 26, 2022 Deputy Advisory Agency's determination which:

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15315, Class 15, and Section 15303, Class 3, and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Sections 17.51 and 17.10.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Parcel Map No. AA-2019-1556-PMLA for the subdivision of one lot into three parcels, including Condition No. 21 (e), which denied the requested merger along Hamlin Street and Noble Avenue; and
3. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: Sue Steinberg
Representative: Howard Robinson & Associates

Appellant: Paul Katz

Staff: Correy Kitchens, City Planner
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7. [ZA-2007-1255-ZAD-1A](#)

CEQA: ENV-2005-2301-EIR

Plan Area: Canoga Park - Winnetka - Woodland Hills - West Hills

Council District: 3 - Blumenfield

**Last Day to Act: 09-23-22

Continued from: 09-24-20

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

PROJECT SITE: 22241 - 22255 West Mulholland Drive

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Installation of six retaining walls up to 11 feet six inches in height from finished grade, and one drainage dispersal wall up to one foot in height in conjunction with development of a 6.2-acre property (two parcels) with 19 detached, single-family residences. Each residence would have three to four bedrooms and a two-car garage, and a maximum height of two stories or 33 feet. The Project would construct a new private street from San Feliciano Drive to access 12 houses, one new ingress/egress driveway along San Feliciano Drive to access three houses, and one new ingress/egress driveway along Mulholland Drive to access the remaining four houses. The Project includes demolition and removal of an existing vacant single-family residence and its associated structures, grading of the site, including 3,400 cubic yards (c.y.) of cut and 7,200 c.y. of fill, and 26,800 c.y. of over excavation/recompaction of soil, and the removal of 33 (12 protected) trees.

APPEAL:

Pursuant to Charter Section 245, and in accordance with Council File 20-0631, on June 23, 2020, the City Council vetoed and remanded the case to the South Valley Area Planning Commission to reconsider the appeal of the entire November 1, 2019 Zoning Administrator's Determination which:

1. Found, based on the independent judgment of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the Project was assessed in Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTT) No. 67505 Project Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2005-2301-EIR (SCH No. 2005111054), certified on November 1, 2019; and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, no subsequent EIR, negative declaration, or addendum is required for approval of the Project;
2. Approved, pursuant to Section 12.24 X.7 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), a determination to allow Lot 13, approved pursuant to VTT-67505, to include a retaining wall 70 feet in length and up to eight feet in height, in lieu of the three and one-half feet height limit for fences and walls within the required front yard in an R zone otherwise permitted by LAMC Section 12.22 C.20(f)(2);
3. Approved, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X.26, a determination to allow five retaining walls on one lot with a maximum height of 11 feet six inches from the proposed finished grade, in lieu of the maximum retaining wall per lot with a maximum height or 12 feet, or maximum two retaining walls provided a minimum horizontal distance between walls of three feet and maximum wall height of 10 feet otherwise permitted by LAMC Section 12.21 C 8; and
4. Adopted the Conditions of Approval and Findings.

Applicant: David Schwartzman, DS Ventures, LLC
Representative: Jerry Neuman, DLA Piper LLP

Appellant 1: Carlos Duque, Save Oak Savanna
Representative: Robert Glushon and Kristina Kropp, Luna & Glushon

Appellant 2: Beth Rider

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Jonathan Hershey, Associate Zoning Administrator

The next regular meeting of the South Valley Area Planning Commission will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

****Pursuant to Mayor Garcetti's Emergency Order issued on March 21, 2020, which was subsequently extended on April 17, 2020, the time to act on this item has been tolled for the duration of the local emergency period. Please note that other State law provisions may also apply.**

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. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org.

Reasonable Accommodations Consistent with Federal and State Law

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or other services must be requested **72 hours prior to the meeting** by calling the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 526-7123 or by email at apcsouthvalley@lacity.org.

Telecommunication Relay Services

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Telecommunications Relay Service is a telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls. TRS is available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories for local and/or long distance calls. TRS providers - generally telephone companies - are compensated for the costs of providing TRS from either a state or a federal fund. There is no cost to the TRS user.

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>.

Don't hang up! Some people hang up on TRS calls because they think the Communications Assistant (CA) is a telemarketer. If you hear, "Hello. This is the relay service ..." when you pick up the phone, please don't hang up! You are about to talk, through a TRS provider, to a person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability.

For more information about FCC programs to promote access to telecommunications services for people with disabilities, visit the FCC's Disability Rights Office website.