



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING *ACTION REPORT*

MEETING DATE:	Thursday, January 24, 2013
MEETING TIME:	5:30 p.m.
MEETING PLACE:	City Council Chambers, City Hall 350 Main Street El Segundo, California 90245-0989
VIDEO:	El Segundo Cable Channel 3 (Live). Replayed on Friday following Thursday's Meeting at: 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Channel 3.

The Planning Commission, with certain statutory exceptions, can only take action upon properly posted and listed agenda items.

Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the public can only comment on City-related business that is within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and items listed on the Agenda during the **Public Communications** portion of the meeting. Additionally, the public can comment on any public hearing item on the Agenda during the public hearing portion of such item. The time limit for comments is generally limited to five minutes per person.

Members of the public may request that items be placed on the Agenda by submitting a **Written Request** to the Planning and Building Safety Director at least ten days before the Planning Commission Meeting (by 10:00 a.m. the Monday of the prior week). The request must include a brief general description of the business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting. Playing of video tapes or use of visual aids may be permitted during meetings if they are submitted to the Planning and Building Safety Director a minimum of two working days before the meeting and they do not exceed five minutes in length.

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- A. **Call to Order** – 5:30 p.m.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Nicol
- C. **Roll Call** – present: Wagner, Baldino, Nisley, Nicol, and Newman.
- D. **Public Communications (Related to City Business only and for which the Planning Commission is responsible – 5 minutes per person; 30 minutes total).** *Individuals who received value of \$50 or more to communicate to the Planning Commission on another’s behalf, and employees speaking on their employer’s behalf, must so identify themselves before addressing the Commission. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor. While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Commission may respond to comments after public communications is closed.*

E. Consent Calendar

- 1. Consideration and possible other action regarding approval of the January 10, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Approved (5-0).

- 2. **Director Decisions for Administrative Adjustments, Adjustments, and Administrative Determinations**

- A. **Environmental Assessment No. EA-985 and Adjustment No. 12-04**

Address: 414 East Maple Avenue
Applicant: Dennis W. Stone
Property Owner: Robert Machen

The applicant is requesting an adjustment for a new wall that exceeds the height restrictions in El Segundo Municipal Code (ESMC) § 15-2-4. These restrictions allow a maximum height of six feet for walls and fences on residential properties and a maximum fill of three feet for retaining walls located in a required set back. The maximum height of the proposed wall is 7'-11" and it retains up to five feet, six inches of fill. The wall is intended to support a raised patio area in backyard of a single family residence. One portion of the wall is located on the eastern edge of the property in the side yard setback. The other portion of the wall faces south towards the backyard. The project site is an interior lot located within the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone. The project site is located within the block bounded by Eucalyptus Drive to the east, and Sheldon Street to the west. The lot is approximately 7,256 square feet in size with a width of 44.71 feet and a depth of 162.28 feet.

The project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15303 Class 3– New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which includes the construction of accessory structures such as a garage, patio or fence and § 15305

Class 5—Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, which consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope less than 20 percent which do not result in any changes in land use or density.

ACTION: Planning Commission Received and Filed Planning and Building Safety Director's approval of Environmental Assessment No. EA-985 and Adjustment (ADJ) No. 12-04. Approved (5-0).

F. Call Items from Consent Calendar

None.

G. Written Communications (other than what is included in Agenda packets)

None.

H. New Business – Public Hearing

3. Environmental Assessment No. EA-971 - T5 Data Center Expansion Project

Address: 444 North Nash Street
Applicant: T5@Los Angeles
Property Owner: T5@Los Angeles

Project Summary

The proposed project is a 63,666 square-foot expansion to the existing 116,756 square-foot multi-tenant data center located at 444 North Nash Street. The Project involves construction of a building addition along the northern side of the existing data center building and a second building addition involving demolition of an existing portion of the building along the western side of the data center building. The Project site is located on the east side of North Nash Street south of the East Mariposa Avenue intersection to the north and the East El Segundo Boulevard intersection to the south. The 6.14-acre project site is within the Urban Mixed Use North (MU-N) Zoning District.

The project features of the current request include:

- Two building additions to the existing data center building. The maximum height of the two additions is 55 feet from grade to top of building parapet and 75 feet to top of roof-mounted equipment.
- The first building addition is located on the north side of the existing building. This proposed two-story addition contains data hall and mechanical/electrical/plumbing space. This addition is 38,861 square feet in size.
- The second building addition is located on the west side of the existing building, facing North Nash Street. This proposed two-story addition contains new data hall and office space. This addition is 36,574 square feet in size.
- A single-story 11,769 square foot portion of the existing building will be demolished before the new western addition is built.

- The total size of the data center building after both additions are completed is 180,422 gross square feet / 146,058 net square feet.

Mitigated Negative Declaration

An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15063 (“CEQA Guidelines”). A Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15070. The 30-day public review and comment period for the Negative Declaration began on December 3, 2012 and ended on January 2, 2013.

ACTION: Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2728. Approved (5-0).

4. Environmental Assessment No. EA-1008 and Coastal Development Permit No. 13-01

Address: El Segundo Beach, directly west of the Lifeguard Station at 105 Vista Del Mar
Applicant: artlab 21 (Brian Sweeney)
Property Owner: City of El Segundo

Project Summary

The proposed project is a temporary art installation located at El Segundo Beach, directly west of the recently constructed of El Segundo lifeguard and restroom facility (operated by the County of Los Angeles Lifeguard service) and the existing beach bike path. The art installation is proposed to be located a minimum of 10-feet west of the existing bike path. The proposed art installation consists of two 40-foot long by 8-foot wide by 8-foot tall steel freight shipping containers and two 20-foot long by 8-foot wide by 8-foot tall steel freight shipping containers placed in the sand west of the lifeguard station. A 15-foot long by 4-foot tall polar bear sculpture will be mounted to the top of one of the 20-foot long shipping containers. A 4 foot-tall sculpture of a sitting female figure, “a siren”, will be mounted to the edge of the other 20-foot long shipping container. The sculptures will be bolted to the steel shipping containers and are constructed of steel reinforced Styrofoam coated with paint and resin.

The applicant proposes to install the temporary exhibit from February 8, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The initial installation of the project and initial two-week viewing period (February 8 to February 22) is proposed be permitted as a temporary special event on City-owned open space (El Segundo Beach) and is exempt from coastal development permit requirements for that time period. As the installation is proposed to be installed for longer than two weeks, the time period proposed to be covered by the proposed Coastal Development Permit is February 22 to April 8.

Installation will occur on Friday, February 8, 2013 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. The components of the art installation will be transported by flat-bed truck to the County of Los Angeles parking lot directly north of the new lifeguard station. A 90-ton crane on rubber wheels will be set up 25 feet west of the bike path and be used to hoist the containers from the parking lot to the installation location on the sand on the west side of the bike path. The sculptures will be hand-carried to the installation location and mounted to the containers.

The project site is on El Segundo Beach, which is City of El Segundo property with an Open Space (OS) Zoning designation. The City has an adopted Local Coastal Plan and thus has permitting authority for uses and structures in the Coastal Zone in areas within the City's jurisdiction. The project site is located within the "shoreline area" of the City's Local Coastal Zone and the project requires a Coastal Development Permit. The City's decision is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15304 as a Class 4 categorical exemption (Minor Alternations to Land). The project is a minor temporary use of land which will have negligible or no permanent effect on the environment. The project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, recreational access, air quality, or water quality.

ACTION: Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2729. Approved (5-0).

I. Continued Business - Public Hearing

None.

J. Report from Planning and Building Safety Director or designee

Planning and Building Safety Director Sam Lee stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be on February 14, 2013.

K. Planning Commissioners' Comments

None.

L. Other Business

None.

M. Adjournment: 6:09 p.m. – Next regular meeting scheduled for February 14, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

NOTE: The related files are available for public review in the Planning Division, Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. City Hall is closed on Fridays. Agenda packets, including Staff Reports, are also available in the Planning Division beginning at 5:00 p.m. Thursday of the week prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

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