

## MINUTES

**CITY OF CARSON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
HELEN KAWAGOE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CARSON CITY HALL**

***701 East Carson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Carson, CA 90745***

***October 28, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.***

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Faleto go called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Salute to the Flag was led by Vice-Chairman Piñon.
3. **ROLL CALL**  
Planning Commissioners Present: Brimmer, Diaz, Faleto go, Goolsby, Gordon, Piñon, Schaefer, Saenz, Verrett  
Planning Commissioners Absent: None  
Planning Staff Present: Acting Planning Manager Signo, Deputy City Attorney Malawy, Associate Planner Rojas, Assistant Planner Castillo, Planning Technician Alexander, Recording Secretary Bothe
4. **AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION** Recording Secretary Bothe indicated that all posting requirements had been met.
5. **AGENDA APPROVAL** Commissioner Saenz moved, seconded by Commissioner Brimmer, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried, 9-0.
6. **INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESSES** Chairman Faleto go requested that all persons wishing to provide testimony stand for the oath, complete the general information card at the podium, and submit it to the secretary for recordation.
7. **SWEARING OF WITNESSES** Deputy City Attorney Malawy
8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** For items **NOT** on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. None

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A) Minutes:** October 14, 2014

**Motion:** Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Brimmer, to approve the October 14, 2014, Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0 (Commissioner Verrett abstained).

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**10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING** None

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**11. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A) Design Overlay Review No. 1548-14**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Sandra Guevara, is requesting to demolish unpermitted structures, convert an existing single-family dwelling into a 2-car garage and construct a new 1,346-square-foot addition on a 40-foot-wide lot in the RM-12-D (Residential, Multiple-Family 12 units per acre, Design Overlay) zone. The subject property is located at 131 West 219<sup>th</sup> Place.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Associate Planner Rojas presented staff report and the recommendation to APPROVE Design Overlay Review No. 1548-14, subject to the conditions of approval attached as Exhibit "B" to the Resolution; and WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 14-2528, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson approving Design Review No. 1548-14 to demolish unpermitted structures, convert an area into a 2-car garage, and construct a new 1,346-square-foot addition to an existing single-family residence located at 131 West 219<sup>th</sup> Place."

Chairman Faleto go opened the public hearing.

Sandra Guevara, applicant, noted her concurrence with the conditions of approval.

There being no further input, Chairman Faleto go closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Verrett, to approve the applicant's request, thus adopting Resolution No. 14-2528. Motion carried, 9-0.

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**12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

**A) Zone Amendment No. 19-14**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, city of Carson, is requesting that the Planning Commission consider the attached draft ordinance and determine whether to recommend to the City Council approval of an amendment to the Carson Municipal Code to permit and regulate medical marijuana dispensaries in certain areas of the City.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Deputy City Attorney Malawy presented staff report and the recommendation for the Planning Commission to consider approval to the City Council of the proposed amendment to the Carson Municipal Code to permit and regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, as described in Exhibits 1 and 2; and Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson recommending approval to the City Council of an amendment to the Carson Municipal Code to permit and regulate medical marijuana dispensaries."

Deputy City Attorney Malawy explained for Commissioner Goolsby that a potential applicant would receive one point in the rating system if they have not had a felony in the past ten years, another point if they haven't had any misdemeanors within the past ten years and another point if there have been no criminal complaints. He commented on the problems Los Angeles has experienced with its marijuana dispensaries, noting that Los Angeles has experienced a complicated path with these over the past several years; that Los Angeles has gone back and forth allowing and banning them, putting forth three different and confusing ballot measures; and noted his belief that at this point, the status in Los Angeles is that new marijuana dispensaries are banned and a certain number of existing facilities have been grandfathered to remain in operation. He stated that no sales tax is being proposed at this time in Carson; explained that if the Planning Commission decides to forward approval to City Council and City Council approves an amendment, nothing would happen until the City Council places a sales tax initiative on the City's ballot and the voters approved the tax in Carson on these sales; and he stated the soonest that could happen would be March of next year.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy noted for Chairman Faletogo that he is aware of three to five people at this point who have recently inquired and expressed an interest in opening up this type business in Carson.

Chairman Faletogo expressed his concern that the City is putting the cart before the horse in this instance, talking about locations for these establishments before it has even considered if these dispensaries will be allowed in Carson; and he added that there has been no information, either for or against, put forth regarding these dispensaries.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy stated it is his expectation that those in the audience this evening will speak on both sides of this issue; and that if the Commission believes more information is necessary, then the Commission can direct staff to provide additional information.

Vice-Chairman Piñon asked what the background is for Carson's prior banning of marijuana dispensaries a few years back; and asked for input on Long Beach reversing its ban on these dispensaries.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy stated that he does not have that information on why Carson placed a prior ban on these dispensaries; explained that Long Beach worked in the reverse of what Carson is currently suggesting in that Long Beach put a tax initiative on their ballot this past March asking if the voters would support a tax on marijuana dispensaries; stated that the voters approved a tax on marijuana dispensaries when

they were not allowed at that time, but with the expectation that if the tax passed, then their City Council would consider adopting an ordinance allowing the marijuana dispensaries; and advised that the Long Beach City Council will soon be considering the adoption of that ordinance.

Vice-Chairman Piñon asked how Carson came up with the potential to allow three marijuana dispensaries.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy explained that staff believed three establishments would be appropriate after giving consideration to the size of Carson, the number of parcels that were in the industrial areas and radius boundaries but added that the Planning Commission has the discretion to raise or lower that number. He mentioned that this ordinance is modeled off the ordinance being considered in Long Beach; and stated that Long Beach is proposing one or two marijuana dispensaries per Council district, for a possible total of 14.

Commissioner Schaefer asked which department would be responsible for auditing these marijuana dispensary businesses, questioning whether new staff would have to be hired for this undertaking.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy expressed his belief that current City staff could handle this effort, but added that the ordinance has been drafted to allow the City to require these businesses to hire and pay for independent auditing to be performed and for those audit results to be submitted to the City for its review.

Commissioner Verrett asked if the City has received any research reports from medical or governmental agencies on the use of marijuana, such as the FDA or the American Cancer Society, or any data from the Sheriff's Department regarding this issue.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy stated that information could be obtained if requested.

Commissioner Diaz asked for clarification on the placement of a marijuana dispensary in the Dominguez Technology Center.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy explained that this issue came up after the ordinance was drafted; and he added that under the terms of the ordinance and the Dominguez Technology Center Specific Plan, marijuana dispensaries would be allowed there even though the map did not indicate one, mentioning that it was discovered after the maps were delivered in the Planning Commission packets. He stated that the Planning Commission would need to decide if these marijuana dispensaries are acceptable in the Dominguez Technology Center.

Chairman Faletogo noted his confusion in the law indicating these dispensaries are not-for-profit ventures, questioning why someone would want to own this type business.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy explained that this is state law, noting that all monies obtained through the sales must be put back into the system or used for expenses but there cannot be a profit from the operation; that under the strict terms of state law, these operators are not allowed to take profit home at the end of the day; and that the amount charged for product must solely be used for their expense of operating the business.

Chairman Faletogo opened the public hearing.

William Davis, resident, advised that he has worked with both teens and adults and has seen firsthand the effects of drug use and addiction throughout California; expressed his belief that marijuana use has escalated in the past 5 years; stated that it is easily available; and that it is destroying the mental acuteness of its users. He stated that those who need medical marijuana can go to neighboring communities to obtain it, urging Carson not to make it any easier for youth to obtain these drugs; advised that some adults who carry a marijuana medical card sell these supplies to teenagers; and he expressed his belief that marijuana use causes short-term and long-term memory loss. He pointed out that he isn't opposed to sick people needing medical marijuana, that he is only trying to keep it away from teens. He expressed his belief that nicotine is added to make marijuana more addictive; and he commented on the poor timing of this effort given this past weekend Carson celebrated Red Ribbon Week, an event that celebrates the efforts of maintaining a drug-free community.

Dr. Rita Boggs, resident, questioned why medical marijuana is not sold in pharmacies if it is a prescribed medication and questioned if medical marijuana should be taxed when pharmaceutical medications are not taxed; and noted her concern with the potential for politicians profiting from what she believes can be a lucrative business. She added that very tight controls need to be in place for these dispensaries.

Jeffrey Adler, Signal Hill, noted his support for the Planning Commission recommending to City Council approval of an ordinance amendment to allow medical marijuana dispensaries; stated that he has been politically involved in Carson for 30 years; and reiterated that this matter should be passed on to City Council for consideration. He expressed his belief that three marijuana dispensaries can accommodate this community's medical needs; and he stated that many people find relief from medical conditions with the consumption of medical marijuana, such as PTSD, epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.; and stated that many proven medical miracles have taken place as a result of consuming marijuana where some mainstream pharmaceuticals have failed. He expressed his belief that with the demand for legitimate medical marijuana and the lack of dispensaries, this legitimate demand is being driven into the streets to purchase illegal supplies, reiterating that there is a genuine need to relieve pain and suffering and, in some cases, cures from this use. He expressed his belief that legalizing this would dramatically limit and/or crash the illegal marijuana market.

Mr. Adler stated that in 1996, thousands of Carson residents voted in favor of Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, a California law addressing the use of medical marijuana; stated that Carson has been noncompliant with the law of this state to allow compassionate use; and advised that there are many studies available on the medicinal value of medical marijuana use. He added that many studies have been done which conclude that medicinal use of marijuana is not addictive.

Joseph Walker, resident, stated that people on his street sell their medical marijuana to teenagers and others in his neighborhood; and stated that he has coached youth in Carson for nearly 8 years and that he has seen up close what drug use does to these users. He expressed his belief that marijuana is killing kids; and stated that Carson should not make it any easier for kids to purchase marijuana. He expressed his belief that if marijuana dispensaries are allowed in Carson, the crime rates will rise.

Richard Bis, resident, noted his opposition to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Carson; stated that he has undergone several cancer treatments himself and that people should trust in God's care rather than using medical marijuana. He advised that he has been working in Carson for the past 11 years working with substance abuse and addiction prevention; and stated that he moved his family from Los Angeles to Carson because he didn't want his daughters growing up in a drug-ridden community. He highlighted his disappointment with this proposal and its poor timing, noting that just this weekend, Carson celebrated Red Ribbon Week wherein over 800 people attended this event. He thanked Vice-Chairman Piñon and Commissioner Verrett for attending this event.

Mr. Bis stated that from 2005 to 2013, according to the Carson Sheriff's Department, the number of youth incidents and arrests dealing with alcohol and drugs has decreased from 80 to zero and has zeroed out for the past three years, and the number of adult arrests dealing with drug-related activity has gone from 1,200 down to 900; and he pointed out that this reduction is partly due to these Red Ribbon efforts. He stated that allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Carson is a step in the wrong direction and negatively affects the advances these anti-drug and anti-alcohol laws have made. He stated that the laws need to be stricter than what is in this proposed ordinance and that more research is needed.

Diane Thomas, resident, stated that a relative had been addicted to medical marijuana and that it took a great effort to get her weaned from its use; stated that as a result, the relative was not able to hold onto a job until she completely stopped using; and she commented on a neighborhood youth who has used drugs for years, is now 30 years old and aimlessly wanders the streets. She stated that she knows of people who purchase medical marijuana and sells it on the streets; and noted her disappointment with the celebration of Red Ribbon Week and this being proposed for Carson, noting it sends the wrong message to the youth in this community. She expressed her belief that allowing medical marijuana dispensaries will have a negative impact on this community's property values.

Richard Vaughn, resident, stated that there are medical marijuana dispensaries in Torrance and at least one in Compton, open 7 days a week; he questioned the adherence to the law that states the owners of these dispensaries are not permitted to make any profit; and expressed his belief these owners will use this money to influence politicians in Carson. He commented on the problems Los Angeles is experiencing with these dispensaries, noting that the profits pay for lawyers to sue cities that attempt to prohibit dispensaries; and stated that many of the dispensary owners in Long Beach hired lawyers to sue that city. He stated that if Carson is going to allow medical marijuana dispensaries, a stringent ordinance/law should be in place to make sure Carson can stand up to the likelihood of future lawsuits from these business owners. He stated there is a lot of money to be made in this industry. He concurred that the timing for this ordinance proposal is poor due to this weekend's Red Ribbon Week celebrations, noting that this effort will destroy all the advances the Red Ribbon Week efforts have enjoyed.

DeShon Andrews, resident, stated that for the past 25 years, he has been a police officer, the last 13 as a detective; stated that in his professional experience, where there are drugs, there is increased crime; and that where there are medical marijuana

dispensaries, robberies, burglaries and other crimes against people rise in these areas. He questioned if the City is putting tax revenues above the safety and well-being of its residents, expressing his belief these businesses only bring negative impacts to the quality of life in those communities. He stated that medical marijuana supplies do make it into the community as illegal sales.

Faye Walton, resident, noted her opposition to medicinal marijuana dispensaries; stated that she is a retired educator, teaching for 36 years, and has seen firsthand the ill effects of drug use with youth; and highlighted the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program she was familiar with while working in the schools.

Daniel Valdez, resident, stated that his poor health today is due to his former use of many drugs, noting he started out using marijuana; and stated that tax dollars should not take precedence over the safety and welfare of the residents in this community.

Mike Murchison, Long Beach, stated he is a registered lobbyist who has witnessed the efforts Long Beach is undertaking to deal with the medical marijuana dispensaries in that community; and he pointed out that the Planning Commission is charged with considering land use issues and that tonight's issue should be solely voted on with that in mind and that the policy issue should be left to the discretion of City Council. He stated that if Carson does approve of medicinal marijuana dispensaries, a conditional use permit process should be attached to allow for an adequate public hearing process.

Fofoga Lea'ea, resident, stated that she is a substance abuse counselor and sees firsthand how addictive marijuana is and how easy it is for at-risk youth and other people to buy from those who purchased medical marijuana with a medical card; and she stated she is opposed to allowing these dispensaries.

Vera Robles DeWitt, resident, noted her opposition to this issue being considered by the Planning Commission before the City Council has taken up consideration of it prior, questioning if this is legally before the Planning Commission this evening. She noted that back in 2007, City Council believed strongly enough to put in place an urgency ordinance and then a moratorium to ban medical marijuana dispensaries in Carson, a 5-0 vote. She stated that federal law prevails over the use of marijuana and sales; advised that it's been 18 years since California voted to legalize medical marijuana; and noted that state legislators have left this issue up to individual cities in California to decide whether they want these in their communities. She stated that if Carson allows these dispensaries, it will be running the risk of federal raids, questioning why Carson would want to jump into this use being approved. She questioned why a Council Member is pressing this forward; and stated that this item should be placed on a City Council agenda for consideration and then it would be appropriate to refer it to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Lula Davis-Holmes, resident/Council Member, stated that in order for the moratorium to stay in place in Carson prohibiting medicinal marijuana dispensaries, no action needs to take place at this time; and noted her opposition to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries. She stated that if this should be placed before the residents for a vote, the first question to ask would be whether the residents approve of medical marijuana dispensaries in this community; and that if their vote is yes, then would they want those sales to be taxed. She stated that federal law prohibits these dispensaries.

Zeke Vadauri, business owner, noted his support for allowing medical marijuana dispensaries; pointed out that both alcohol and cigarettes are addicting and both are legal and well-regulated; and he added that not everyone smokes and drinks even though it is legal. He stated that 1.6 million people have been incarcerated for non-violent drug offenses and arrested for possessing small amounts of marijuana; and stated that it should be legalized and regulated just as alcohol and cigarettes are. He stated that more people die from prescription drug abuse and malpractice and that there has not been one person who has died from an overdose of marijuana. He stated that people will get drugs regardless and that it would be better to legalize and regulate it, noting that the state regulates where people can smoke and drink. He urged the Planning Commission to make a decision based on fact and to forward this matter to the City Council.

There being no further input, Chairman Faletogo closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Verrett stated that while there are claims of marijuana being useful for medicinal purposes, she is concerned with addiction, and the side effects, such as dizziness and driving impairment; and stated she is not comfortable with sending this to City Council with a recommendation to change the ordinance.

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether it is true that this matter should have first gone to the City Council for consideration; commented on the timing of this proposal and the Red Ribbon Week celebrations; and stated that he needs more data/information before he can make an informed decision.

Chairman Faletogo stated that expert advice should be provided both pro and con concerning medical marijuana dispensaries; stated he is not opposed to finding alternative ways to relieve pain and suffering and improving the quality of life for those suffering; and stated he is not ready to make a decision this evening until he has more information.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he would need more information to make an informed decision and suggested this be moved forward to City Council.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Goolsby moved to refer this matter to City Council for consideration with more thorough information provided for that body. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy stated that it would not be appropriate to send this to City Council without any decision; and noted the Planning Commission can table this item entirely or give some direction to staff to bring it back with additional studies/information.

Commissioner Saenz stated he has not been convinced either way and would like more information to consider on both the pros and cons of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries.



Commissioner Saenz moved that this matter be continued and that staff bring back further information to the Planning Commission for review. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to deny Zoning Amendment No. 19-14. This motion ultimately failed.

Commissioner Gordon questioned if this issue is properly before the Planning Commission.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy expressed his belief that under the City's Municipal Code, any person can request that a zoning amendment be brought to the Planning Commission for consideration; that Planning staff can bring a request for an amendment before the Planning Commission; and that the City Council can direct the Planning Commission to study a certain issue, pointing out there are a number of ways that an amendment proposal can be brought before this body.

Commissioner Gordon noted he has mixed emotions, believing that more information needs to be obtained on the pros and cons of medical marijuana dispensaries; pointed out that almost anyone can speak from personal experience of how their loved ones have obtained relief from using medical marijuana and also witnessed the adverse effects of those who use illegal drugs; and stated that whatever is ultimately done, it needs to be in the best interest of all the City's residents.

Commissioner Brimmer stated this is a sensitive issue which needs to be further considered with factual studies/research and criminal statistics rather than personal opinions; and stated she would like to receive more information on how Long Beach is currently handling this issue, along with other neighboring cities. She stated that if it's a social issue rather than a land use issue, that it should be in the hands of City Council.

Commissioner Schaefer stated that studies have yet to conclude on the facts concerning the long-term use of medical marijuana and whether it actually has medicinal value. She stated the evidence is anecdotal and that she does not believe this body is ready to make this decision because the facts aren't present on either side of this issue. She stated that she will be voting to deny this amendment because she cannot vote for something that is against federal law. She highlighted a statement this evening that Obama believes the federal government is not efficiently utilizing its resources by raiding these dispensaries, but pointed out that the next administration may feel differently, thereby putting the City at risk for federal raids in the future. She added that if the law should change in the future, this issue can be returned for consideration.

Chairman Faletogo reiterated that he'd like further information before he makes a decision either way.

By way of a substitute motion, Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Commissioner Saenz, to continue this matter and direct staff to bring back further studies and reports for the Commission's consideration. This motion ultimately failed.

Commissioner Verrett stated she sees no reason in continuing this issue, especially since most of the current Council Members are the ones who voted to support the moratorium.

At 8:45 P.M., Chairman Faletogo recessed the meeting and reconvened the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Deputy City Attorney Malawy explained that per Carson's Municipal Code, this text amendment item will go before City Council for consideration regardless of the Planning Commission's decision.

The substitute motion by Chairman Faletogo to continue died as follows, 4-5:

AYES: Faletogo, Gordon, Piñon, Saenz  
NOES: Brimmer, Diaz, Goolsby, Schaefer, Verrett  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion by Commissioner Diaz to deny failed as follows, 4-5:

AYES: Brimmer, Diaz, Schaefer, Verrett  
NOES: Faletogo, Goolsby, Gordon, Piñon, Saenz  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to deny Zoning Amendment No. 19-14 and direct staff to bring back a Resolution of Denial to the next meeting for adoption. This motion ultimately passed.

By way of a substitute motion, Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Commissioner Saenz, to continue this matter and direct staff to bring back further studies and reports for the Commission's consideration. This motion died as follows, 4-5:

AYES: Faletogo, Gordon, Piñon, Saenz  
NOES: Brimmer, Diaz, Goolsby, Schaefer, Verrett  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion by Commissioner Diaz to deny carried as follows, 5-4:

AYES: Brimmer, Diaz, Goolsby, Schaefer, Verrett  
NOES: Faletogo, Gordon, Piñon, Saenz  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Because there was no resolution of denial prepared beforehand, staff indicated that one will be provided at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

**B) Workshop Regarding Banner and Window Sign Display Periods**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, city of Carson, is requesting the Planning Commission discuss and consider banner and window sign display periods. The properties involved are commercial and industrial properties citywide.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Castillo presented staff report and the recommendation for the Planning Commission to CONSIDER and DISCUSS the information provided and PROVIDE direction to staff in how to proceed.

Commissioner Diaz expressed his belief that no further changes are necessary.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Brimmer, to receive and file this report. Motion carried, 9-0.

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**12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

**C) Workshop on Conditions of Approval**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, city of Carson, is requesting the Planning Commission discuss general and specific conditions of approval that are applied to development projects citywide.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Planning Technician Alexander presented staff report and the recommendation to receive and file.

Commissioner Gordon stated that staff should also be pointing out the changes during their oral reports and why that change is being made.

Commissioner Diaz agreed that staff should explain in their oral reports why a new/permanent condition is warranted.

Planning Technician Alexander stated those reasons will be cited in staff's oral reports.

Chairman Faletoago agreed with not requiring small residential projects to require a licensed landscape architect.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chairman Faletoago ordered this report received and filed, without objection.

**13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**                      None

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**14. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting Planning Manager Signo introduced Deputy City Attorney Jeff Malawy.

Acting Planning Manager Signo advised that the City will have its State of the City address tomorrow at the Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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**15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Diaz thanked the City for embracing the Red Ribbon Week efforts that advocate for a drug-free community and commended those mentors and counselors for their efforts; he thanked the Commissioners and elected officials for celebrating this City's diversity by attending various events throughout the City; and stated he is proud of the Planning Commissioners who put forth the time and effort to attend various events throughout Carson. He stated that he attended the celebration of Filipino labor organizer Larry Itliong on October 25th, noting it would have been his 101st birthday; congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Santarina and other elected officials for a job well done with this event; and thanked City staff for their hard work in making this a successful event. He mentioned that last year, he was honored to be selected as a labor awardee at the Larry Itliong Day celebration.

Commissioner Verrett thanked staff and the attorney for their work this evening, noting her appreciation that when they didn't know an answer to a question, they took their time to research. She invited those to attend the Compton Community College District Roundtable presentation at Carson Community Center on October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., wherein CEO/President Keith Curry will cover topics such as the process to accreditation, facilities master plan, and community participation in governance opportunities.

Commissioner Schaefer noted her appreciation of everyone this evening for their efforts.

Commissioner Saenz expressed his belief that this Commission rushed into a decision this evening regarding the medical marijuana ordinance. He suggested that every item include a resolution for approval and denial.

Commissioner Brimmer stated that she participated in a well-attended community meeting at the Community Center regarding a proposed project on a 5-acre property at the northwest corner of Central Avenue and University Drive, noting the importance of getting the word out within the community.

Chairman Faletogo thanked staff and the Commissioners for their efforts this evening.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:45 P.M., Chairman Faletogo adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 6:30 P.M., Helen Kawagoe City Council Chambers.

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Chairman

*Attest By:*

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*Secretary*