



TUESDAY, April 9, 2019
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Members:

Alex Cainglet	Uli Fe'esago	Ramon Madrigal
Michael Mitoma	Chris Palmer	Ramona Pimentel
Myla Rahman	Karimu Rashad	Dan Valdez

Alternates:

Louie Diaz	Patricia Hellerud	Paloma Zuniga
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Staff:

Planning Manager Betancourt	Assistant City Attorney Jones
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pimentel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mitoma led the Salute to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners Present: Fe'esago, Mitoma, Palmer, Pimentel, Rahman, Rashad, Valdez

Planning Commissioners Absent: Cainglet, *Madrigal (*excused)

Planning Commission Alternates Present: Diaz

Planning Staff Present: Planning Manager Betancourt, Assistant City Attorney Jones, Assistant Planner Bhatia, Recording Secretary Bothe

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The public may at this time address the members of the Planning Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once. None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Minutes: March 12, 2019

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitoma, to approve the March 12, 2019, Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0 (absent Cainglet, Madrigal).

6. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Neighborhood Mobility Area (NMA) Presentation by Arroyo Group

Philip Burns and Felicia Williams presented the Carson Neighborhood Mobility Area Plan Potential Improvements and Programs study.

The Commission posed the following questions/comments:

Commissioner Palmer:

- What is considered high quality transit versus regular transit
- How do you offer minimal housing pricing
- Avoid high density projects

Commissioner Mitoma:

- Are large projects economically feasible for a developer when no incentives are being offered any longer, such as bonds or public financing
- Street bike paths are dangerous and inconvenient; need a practical solution; erect bike rental stations
- City busses should run every 10-15 minutes instead of every 45 minutes and offer more bus shelters

Commissioner Rashad:

- Study how other urban areas are successfully transforming their cities
- Offer affordable bike/scooter stations/networks, suggesting starting with the university and connecting to the mall; suggested safer bike/scooter paths through neighborhood streets when possible; erecting these bike/scooter stations near bus and train stops; highlighted the temporary closing of streets for L.A.'s CicLAvia event, noting a need to change the mindset for using alternative modes of transportation

Commissioner Fe'esago:

- Tap into the university's need for transportation, tying together a strategic biking network of travel destinations throughout the City

Commissioner Diaz:

- Need to improve the street lighting in all areas of the city, beautify the streets with landscaping, making it a more safe, walkable city; questioned if there are funding sources available to carry these ideas forward

Commissioner Valdez:

- Suggested studying Long Beach's successful bike and bussing plans; suggested adding more busses during peak hours

Chair Pimentel:

- Need for safe bike lanes

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Pimentel thanked the Arroyo Group for their presentation.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1752-18 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1079-18

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Ben R. Johnson, AICP, Mobilitie on behalf of Sprint, is requesting to construct a new small cell wireless communication facility on a streetlight pole in the public right-of-way in the Manufacturing-Light, Design Overlay (ML-D) zoning district. The property involved is within the public right-of-way in proximity to 18049 Wilmington Avenue.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Bhatia presented staff report and the recommendation to **Approve** Site Plan and Design Review No. 1752-18 and Conditional Use Permit No. 1079-18; and **Waive** further reading and **Adopt** Resolution No. 19-2665, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. 1752-18 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1079-18 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SMALL CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY ON A STREETLIGHT POLE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE MANUFACTURING LIGHT DESIGN OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT IN PROXIMITY TO 18049 WILMINGTON AVENUE."

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Ben Johnson, representing the applicant, noted his concurrence with staff report.

Commissioner Mitoma asked what, if anything, is being done to prevent this equipment from being from China, noting his concern with espionage.

Assistant City Attorney Jones advised that the applicant's request meets all City requirements, noting there is no provision in the City's code to deny the use of equipment made in another country.

Commissioner Mitoma urged the City to discuss the implementation of some safeguards to help prevent or thwart spying from a foreign entity when using telecommunication equipment.

Commissioner Rashad echoed Commissioner Mitoma's concern.

There being no further input, Chair Pimentel closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chair Pimentel moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitoma, to concur with staff recommendation, thus adopting Resolution No. 19-2665. Motion carried, 6-0, as follows:

AYES: Diaz, Fe'esago, Mitoma, Pimentel, Rahman, Rashad
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Palmer, Valdez
ABSENT: Cainglet, Madrigal

7. PUBLIC HEARING

**B) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1757-18 and
Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1084-18**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Ben R. Johnson, AICP, Mobilitie on behalf of Sprint, is requesting to construct a new small cell wireless communication facility on a streetlight pole in the public right-of-way in the Manufacturing-Light, Design Overlay (ML-D) zoning district. The property involved is within the public right-of-way in proximity to 18037 S. Broadway.

Staff's Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Bhatia presented staff report and the recommendation to **Approve** Site Plan and Design Review No. 1757-18 and Conditional Use Permit No. 1084-18; and **Waive** further reading and **Adopt** Resolution No. 19-2666, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. 1757-18 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1084-18 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SMALL CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY ON A STREETLIGHT POLE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE MANUFACTURING LIGHT DESIGN OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT IN PROXIMITY TO 18037 S. BROADWAY."

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Ben Johnson, representing the applicant, noted his concurrence with the conditions of approval.

Commissioner Mitoma expressed his belief Nokia is not a product that is made in China.

There being no further input, Chair Pimentel closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Fe'esago, to concur with staff recommendation, thus adopting Resolution No. 19-2666. Motion carried, 7-0, as follows:

AYES: Diaz, Fe'esago, Mitoma, Pimentel, Rahman, Rashad, Valdez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Palmer
ABSENT: Cainglet, Madrigal

7. PUBLIC HEARING

C) Design Overlay Review No. 1727-18 and Conditional Use Permit No. 1065-18

Applicant/Property Owner:

The applicant, Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC, is requesting approval to construct, use, and maintain six (6) new, aboveground storage tanks on an existing refinery site. The site is located at 1150 East Sepulveda Boulevard.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff is recommending this matter be continued to May 14, 2019.

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to continue this matter to the May 14, 2019, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried, 8-0 (absent Cainglet, Madrigal).

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager Betancourt highlighted the following events:

- April 13th, Saturday, E-Waste recycling and paper shredding, City Hall parking lot, from 8:00 a.m. to noon;
- April 13th, Saturday, Earth Day Celebration, Carson Community Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

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- May 4th, Saturday, Water Replenishment District Groundwater Festival, 4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He encouraged the Commissioners to sign up for the general plan website; and noted that by opting in, they will receive a newsletter, news releases, reports, public event announcements, etc., www.Carson2040.com.

9. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Valdez stated he was confused with the use of the word "he" under "*Manager's Report*" in the March 12, 2019 minutes, stating it looks like Commissioner Valdez is stating that the forthcoming Planning Commission calendar will be quite busy ("*Planning Manager Betancourt introduced and welcomed new Planning Commissioner Daniel Valdez. He stated that the forthcoming Planning Commission calendar will be quite busy.*")

Commissioner Mitoma wished everyone a nice Easter. He encouraged everyone to be kind to one another.

Commissioner Palmer asked who runs the meetings if the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent. He asked how many meetings a Commissioner is allowed to miss.

Chair Pimentel invited everyone to attend the farewell reception for former Councilman Santarina at the Double Tree on Thursday, April 18th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m.



Chairman

Attest By: 
Secretary