



TUESDAY, May 14, 2019
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
Executive Conference Room, 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 6:36 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Cainglet led the Salute to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Cainglet, Fe'esago, Mitoma, Pimentel, Rahman, Rashad (arrived after roll call was taken), Valdez

Planning Commissioners Absent: Palmer, Madrigal (both excused)

Planning Commission Alternates Present: Diaz

Planning Staff Present: Planning Manager Betancourt, Assistant City Attorney Jones, 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: April 9, 2019

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Fe'esago, to approve the April 9, 2019, Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0 (Cainglet abstained; absent Madrigal, Palmer).

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

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

Applicant's Request:

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 located at 1150 East Sepulveda Boulevard.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Planning Manager Betancourt presented staff report and the recommendation to **APPROVE** Design Overlay Review No. 1727-18 and Conditional Use Permit No. 1065-18 for the construction, use, and maintenance of six (6) new above-ground storage tanks for the operation of an existing refinery site subject to the conditions attached as Exhibit "B" to the Resolution; and **WAIVE** further reading and **ADOPT** Resolution No. 19-2667, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING DESIGN OVERLAY REVIEW NO. 1727-18 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1065-18 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIX (6) ABOVE-GROUND STORAGE TANKS IN CONNECTION WITH AN EXISTING OIL REFINERY."

Assistant City Attorney Jones highlighted the amendments made to the resolution and conditions of approval, noting that the Commissioners received a copy of those changes.

Staff fielded questions from the Commission.

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Tim Hayes, plant operations representative, noted his concurrence with the conditions of approval; he explained that this project will create 140 jobs during the construction phase; advised that it does not increase the existing footprint of the refinery; and explained that once in operation, this project will have a significant decrease in various emissions. He noted for Commissioner Mitoma that they do not own the oil, that they only store it for a short period of time and deliver the product elsewhere.

Commissioner Diaz stated that the landscape amenities will be an improvement in this area by screening the perimeter of this site; and he asked if the labor force will be skilled union workers.

Mr. Hayes stated there is a project labor agreement requiring the use of a skilled/experienced union labor force.

Staff and the applicant's representatives highlighted the EIR process that was undertaken for this project; advised that a community meeting took place at the Community Center to discuss this project; and stated that any issues of concern have been mitigated.

Mr. Hayes noted for Commissioner Fe'esago that the applicant will be paying for all the street improvements. He clarified for Vice-Chair Cainglet that there will be no increase in barrels than what is already coming to this refinery, explaining that the oil will be piped in from the port and stored for approximately 5 days before it is delivered elsewhere.

The following speakers spoke in favor of this project:

Alex Lafarga; Ron Miller; Christian Ibarra; Jim Cooksey. They each commented on the skilled trades groups who will be working on this project.

Chair Pimentel stated that she lives close to this site and expressed her belief this will be an environmental and aesthetic enhancement to this area.

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

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Cainglet, to concur with staff recommendation, thus adopting revised Resolution No. 19-2667. Motion carried, 8-0, (absent Madrigal, Palmer).

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Design Overlay Review No. 1743-18, Tentative Tract Map No. 82395-18, Specific Plan No. 17-18, MND

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Brandywine Homes, Inc., is requesting approval to construct a 38-townhome development on a vacant lot located in the Dominguez Hills Village Specific Plan area. The project site is within the SP-4 zone and is located at 1007 East Victoria Street.

Staff Recommendation: Continue to May 28, 2019

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Abel Germa (sp?), resident, stated he is happy with this proposal but noted he has some questions. Staff advised that this matter is being continued to the May 28th Planning Commission meeting.

Chair Pimentel closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chair Pimentel moved, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to continue this item to the May 28th, 2019, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried, 8-0 (absent Madrigal, Palmer).

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager Betancourt highlighted the following events:

- General Plan Workshop, Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Community Center, Adult Activity Room, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- L.A. County Fire Department Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program basic training in safety and lifesaving skills for the public. Sign up by following this link: <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/lacofd-cert-program/lacofd-cert-registration/>

He invited the Commissioners to submit to Planning staff any event flyers of upcoming events, noting those events can be included on the Planning Commission agendas if received prior to the Thursday before a Planning Commission meeting.

9. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice-Chair Cainglet invited everyone to attend the June 8th Philippine Independence Day celebration at Veteran's Park, starting at 7:30 a.m.


Commissioner Valdez stated that the Dreamers and Visionaries of South Bay will be a vendor selling water at this June 8th event.

Commissioner Rahman stated she has enjoyed her attendance at the past Philippine Independence Day events.

Commissioner Diaz invited everyone to attend the Lincoln Village/Dominguez area HOA meeting this Thursday, noting Assemblyman Mike Gipson will be the keynote speaker. The event starts at 7:00 p.m., 21156 Santa Fe Avenue.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m.


Chairman

Attest By:


Secretary