



TUESDAY, April 28, 2020
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
6:30 p.m., Zoomed meeting

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Members:

Alex Cainglet	Uli Fe'esago	Ramon Madrigal (Vice-Chair)
Michael Mitoma	Chris Palmer	Ramona Pimentel (Chair)
Myla Rahman	Karimu Rashad	Daniel 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 6:57 p.m. via Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Planning Commissioners Absent: Rashad

Planning Commission Alternates Present: None

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

3. 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. *(see below)*

***DUE TO CORONA VIRUS COVID-19, NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED INTO CITY HALL DURING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

Any members of the public wishing to provide public comment for the items on the agenda may do so as follows:

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 2. Telephone: You can record your comments at (310) 952-1720 no later than 3:00 p.m. before the meeting. Please identify the Agenda item you wish to address in your comments. Your comments will be read into the record.
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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Minutes Approval: April 14, 2020

Chair Pimentel moved, seconded by Commissioner Fe'esago, to approve the April 14, 2020, Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0 (absent Rashad).

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1806-19

Applicant's Request:

The applicant's representative, CT Realty Investors, is requesting to consider approval of a Site Plan and Design Review No. 1806-19 for a proposed tilt-up warehouse located at 333 W. Gardena Boulevard.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Bhatia presented staff report and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 20-2694, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN OVERLAY REVIEW NO. 1806-19, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR A PROPOSED TILT-UP WAREHOUSE FACILITY AT 333 W. GARDENA BOULEVARD." Assistant Planner Bhatia read into the record 4 comment letters that were submitted in regard to this matter (of record).

Commissioner Fe'esago asked if there is any requirement for root barriers for those trees being planted near the sidewalk and curb.

Assistant Planner Bhatia noted that the city's arborist reviewed and approved the landscaping plans for this project.

Assistant Planner Bhatia confirmed for Commissioner Cainglet that she reached out to everyone who submitted a comment letter, providing them with the requested information. She added input on providing links to the CEQA document and site plan; and noted that at this time, there is no proposed end-user or proposed occupancy date.

Chair Pimentel opened the public hearing.

Dave Ball, applicant's representative, praised staff for their knowledge of taking into account the city's interests and its transparency protocols; and noted his concurrence with the conditions of approval.

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

Planning Commission Decision:

Chair Pimentel moved, seconded by Commissioner Fe'esago, to approve the applicant's request as presented, thus adopting Resolution No. 20-2694. Motion carried, 7-0 (Palmer abstained; absent Rashad).

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager Betancourt thanked the Planning Commissioners for their patience with the late start of the Commission meeting due to Zoom only being able to operate one meeting at a time. He reminded the Commission that City Hall remains closed; explained that Planning is operating with a 50-percent reduction in staffing, all remotely working part-time from their homes; but pointed out that he can be reached by phone or email should a Commissioner need Planning-related assistance.

7. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Valdez thanked staff and the Commissioners for participating during this difficult time. He suggested that a few Zoom practice sessions take place before the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Fe'esago offered his grocery shopping assistance should the need arise for anyone.

Chair Pimentel advised that Carson is offering free COVID-19 testing to its residents and others, noting the results typically take 2 days. She added that it's best to have an appointment, but that it is not required. She thanked everyone for their participation and wished all to be safe and well during this COVID-19 period.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Ramona Pimentel (COVID period)
Chair

Attest By:

Denise Bothe (COVID period)
Secretary