



TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
City Hall, Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

Members:	Dianne Thomas Interim Chair	Louie Diaz Interim Vice Chair	Frederick Docdocil
	Carlos Guerra	Del Huff	Jaime Monteclaro
	Karimu Rashad	Richard Hernandez	
Alternates:	DeQuita Mfume	Leticia Wilson	
Staff:	Christopher Palmer, AICP Planning Manager	Benjamin Jones Assistant City Attorney	Laura Gonzalez Planning Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair Thomas Called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim Vice Chair Diaz led the Salute to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Guerra, Thomas, Wilson, Diaz, Docdocil, Hernandez

Planning Commissioners Absent: Rashad (Excused), Huff (Excused), Mfume (Excused), Monteclaro

Planning Staff Present: Planning Manager Palmer, Senior Planner Alexander, Associate Planner Castillo, Assistant City Attorney Jones, Planning Secretary Gonzalez

ITEM 6A

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sheila Nikolaou is concerned with the water drains. She indicated that the city is not coming out often enough to clean them and the water is coming into her property.

Ellen Frost suggested to add “your park will not be closing” in bold letters on the next notification for item 5B.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1918-22

Applicant’s request:

Consider finding a CEQA exemption and approval of Site Plan and Design Review No. 1918-22 for a proposed addition to a single-family residence on a 40-foot-wide lot.

Staff recommendation:

Associate Planner Max Castillo presented the staff report and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 23-2855, entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON FINDING A CEQA EXEMPTION AND APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. 1918-22 FOR A PROPOSED ADDITION TO SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A 40-FOOT-WIDE LOT AT 20912 MARGARET STREET.”

Interim Chair Thomas opened the public hearing.

There being no input, Interim Chair Thomas closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Interim Vice Chair Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve staff’s recommendation, thus adopting Resolution 23-2855. Motion carried, 6-0.

B) Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) No. 194-23

Interim Chair Thomas – This item will continue to June 13th at the Community Center due to safety compliance.

Planning Commission Decision:

Interim Chair Thomas moved, seconded by Interim Vice Chair Diaz, to continue this item to June 13th. Motion carried, 6-0.

6. MANAGER’S REPORT

None.

7. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Hernandez – I would like to mention that I was absent on the month of April due to a death in the family. I want to complement Mr. Matt Jordan and Michael Whittiker for the outstanding Golf Tournament, and I would like to make a recommendation for recognition from the City Council. The gas station at the corner of Carson Street and 223rd is an eye sore and a hazard and I would like to see something done about it. I know that public works is busy, but I would like to mention the gardening need.

Interim Chair Thomas - The new public works' director indicated at the last council meeting that they are working very hard to catch up. They will be providing updates at future city council meetings.

Commissioner Wilson - I was surprised at the number of people present. I believe it's worthwhile to have interpreters present in future meetings.

Commissioner Docdocil – I see the gardening improvements done by public works. I would like to invite the community to the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day on June 10th at the Veterans Park.

Commissioner Guerra – I would like to thank everybody for their great job.

Planning Manager Palmer – Please contact me if you have questions about the training.

Interim Vice Chair Diaz – There's always miscommunication, I think it's important to have an interpreter on June 13th.

Interim Chair Thomas – I want to commend staff, commissioners, and all those who helped with the conditions we found ourselves in tonight. I want to thank Assistant City Attorney Jones for the suggestions provided, which helped everyone calm down. The upcoming Juneteenth Celebration will take place at Mills Park on June 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For those of you who may have known Dr. Celia Villalpando, who was a commissioner in the Environmental Commission, passed away last week. She will be missed. I would like to adjourn this meeting in honor of Dr. Celia Villalpando.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m., the meeting was formally adjourned in honor and memory of Dr. Celia Villalpando.

Dianne Thomas
Interim Chair

Attest By:

Laura Gonzalez
Planning Secretary