



TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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:	Vacant	DeQuita Mfume	Leticia Wilson
Staff:	Christopher Palmer, AICP Planning Manager	Laura Gonzalez Planning Secretary	Benjamin Jones Assistant City Attorney

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Huff led the Salute to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Thomas, Diaz, Guerra, Hernandez, Huff, Mfume (Late arrival), Monteclaro (Late arrival)

Planning Commissioners Absent: Rashad (Excused), Wilson (Excused), Docdocil

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

4. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Assistant City Attorney Jones – A public oral communication period needs to be added to the agenda for nonpublic hearing items.

ITEM 6D

Planning Commission Decision:

Interim Vice Chair Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, to add a public communication period. Motion carried, 5-0 (Commissioner Mfume and Commissioner Monteclaro were not present).

A) Zone Code Update

Planning Manager Palmer - City Council adopted the General Plan and the Housing Element and with that there are programs that must be done. Updating the comprehensive zoning of the Municipal Code is one of them. There will be a workshop on the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 25th. I will be presenting the new Municipal code broken down into parts for discussion. This discussion will help lead the next discussion when the Ordinance is introduced to the Planning Commission in August.

B) Oral Communication For Nonpublic Hearing Items On The Agenda

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Site Plan Design Overlay Review (DOR) No. 1936-23

Applicant's Request:

Consider finding a CEQA exemption and approval of Site Plan and Design Review No. 1936-23 for a new addition to a single-family residence on a 40-foot-wide lot.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Collins presented the staff report and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 23-2857, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON FINDING A CEQA EXEMPTION AND APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. 1936-23 FOR A PROPOSED ADDITION TO SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A 40-FOOT-WIDE LOT AT 21114 MARTIN STREET."

Interim Chair Thomas opened the public hearing.

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

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Huff moved, seconded by Interim Vice Chair Diaz, to approve staff's recommendation, thus adopting Resolution No. 23-2857. Motion carried, 7-0.

B) Site Plan Design Overlay Review (DOR) No. 1894-22, Conditional Use Permit No. 1119-22, and Variance No. 574.23

Senior Planner McKina Alexander - This item will be continued and will come before the Commission in about three months.

Planning Commission Decision:

Interim Vice Chair Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to continue this item to a date to be determined. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATION FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager Palmer – I would like to congratulate Assistant Planner Jacob Collins on his first presentation and on becoming a certified planner. The Planning Department is fully staffed, Mr. Jarrod Coleman has joined our department.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Mfume - Welcome and congratulations to the new staff.

Commissioner Huff - Welcome and congratulations Senior Planner Coleman.

Commissioner Guerra – This question is for Planning Manager Palmer, when will the commissioner's training start.

Planning Manager Palmer – It's an ongoing training, I will send you the access codes.

Commissioner Monteclaro - Welcome Senior Planner Coleman.

Commissioner Guerra – I am curious as it relates to the ADUs and/or additional housing on a property lot, will this affect resident's status under Prop 13?

Assistant City Attorney Jones – I will look into it.

Commissioner Hernandez - The gas station on 223rd and Main is an eye sore, and neighbors have been complaining about it. The center dividers on Main Street between Sepulveda and 223rd look like there's maintenance being done. I'm excited to see that Rascal's is almost complete.

Interim Vice Chair Diaz – We'll be hosting our 5th American Red Cross blood drive at the Dominguez Community Center located 21156 Santa Fe Avenue on Wednesday, August 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Guerra - Are there any specific plans as it relates to developing the industrial vacant lot west of the west curve line of the project approved on Martin Street?

Planning Manager Palmer - I will check for any pending entitlements and will send you the information.

Interim Chair Thomas – There is a job fair sponsored by the mayor taking place on Saturday, July 15th at the Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I apologize for the short notice invitation to the presentation of a grant given to the L.A. Sanitation Department for about 1.5 million to help with the brown field that they are looking to remediate and put into use. There was a second invitation for an 80 million grant that is going to be given to the Pure Water Project and I hope all commissioners can

attend if available. It's critical in California not only to reclaim water but make it drinkable again. I would like for staff to present a video with some of the projects that have been approved over the past couple years for everyone to see what has been accomplished and to present to the City Council.

Commissioner Mfume – Are there any plans for repaving 213th street and Avalon.

Planning Manager Palmer – I will follow up with public works.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dianne Thomas
Interim Chair

Attest By:

Laura Gonzalez
Planning Secretary