



TUESDAY, March 23, 2021
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
6:30 p.m., Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Members: Chair: Charles Thomas Vice Chair: Chris Palmer Louie Diaz
Carlos Guerra Del Huff Jaime Monteclaro
Karimu Rashad Dianne Thomas Vacant
Alternates: Vacant Vacant Vacant
Staff: Planning Manager: Betancourt Assistant City Attorney: Jones

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Palmer, Diaz, Huff, Guerra, Monteclaro, D. Thomas
Absent: Rashad *(Entered meeting at 6:47pm)
Alternates: None
Planning Staff: Betancourt, Jones

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) None.

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A) Minutes Approval: February 23, 2021
Commissioner Diaz (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner D. Thomas 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1661-17; Conditional Use Permit 1023-17; Zone Change 178-17; General Plan Amendment 100-17; Specific Plan 15-17; Tentative Track Map 76070-17; Certificate of Compliance 283-17

Chair Charles Thomas recused himself from participating because of public comments he made prior to public approval so Vice Chair Palmer handled the item. Senior Planner Bhatia presented the DOR, CUP, ZC, GPA, SP, TTM and CC application. The applicant spoke in favor of the proposal. Commissioner D. Thomas (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Guerra 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Planning Manager reported that the planning division has recirculated the Notice of Preparation Draft program EIR for the City of Carson General Plan. The comment period opened on March 22 and its will close April 21st. This is a precursor to the City of Carson's General Plan with a CEQA compliant component. When we have more information we will be sure to share it as it comes available. He also reminded the commissioners to turn in their W-9 form and to confirm attendance prior to meeting date and the importance of it.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Guerra had said have a wonderful day. Commissioner Diaz received calls/emails from residents from the Dominguez community. There has been an illegal

gathering of people in the hundreds with cars performing donuts on Dominguez St and Santa Fe at all hours of the day. He asked us if we can reach out to the Sheriff's station to assist. He asked if the Carson Center will be open again for social gatherings at 25 percent capacity. He will be holding the Red Cross drive and will provide flyers for distribution at the Carson Center. Planning Manager Betancourt will follow up with what is happening on Dominguez and Santa Fe and with the City facilities as well. Commissioner Dianne Thomas mentioned that the Sheriff's station is open to meet, correct and respond to any needs that the public may have. She also mentioned that the Community Center staff is responsive to help as well with events. Commissioner Monteclaro stated that he was encouraged about the Birch project and that he was happy the applicant wanted to create new projects in our community. He loves to see that our community has grown after 30 years and continues progressing. He hopes to see more new businesses in the City of Carson. Commissioner Diane Thomas stated that she is still excited to be on the Planning Commission and thanks staff for being accommodating. She thanked Secretary Sandoval for being attentive and helpful to the commission. Commissioner Huff said ditto to D. Thomas she also said that it is important to keep businesses open and let everyone know that the City of Carson is open for business. Vice Chair Palmer asked about fast food business process for the City of Carson. Planning Manager Alvie answered his question pertaining to the process. Chair Thomas welcomed Commissioner Rashad. Thanked acting secretary Sandoval for her assistance. He also wanted to make it clear that we are still open for business and have vacant land available.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Chairman

Attest By:

Secretary