



TUESDAY, April 13, 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 Montecarlo
	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 6:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Palmer, Diaz, Huff, Guerra, D. Thomas

Absent: Rashad (Excused Absence),
Montecarlo *(Entered meeting at 6:44 pm)

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.

***DUE TO CORONA VIRUS COVID-19, NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALLOWED INTO CITY HALL DURING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING USING THE ELECTRONIC "ZOOM" APPLICATION.**

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

1. Live via Zoom Application. Members of the public wishing to provide public comment in real-time will be invited to join the Zoom meeting remotely to provide their public comment live with their audio/video presented to the Planning Commission. Members of the public wishing to do so must email planning@carson.ca.us, providing their real name and the phone number they

will use to call in from, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. For further details/requirements and meeting invite information, please email planning@carson.ca.us no later than 3:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing.

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4. Box outside of City Hall: You can provide hand-written comments by dropping off a note at the box located in front of City Hall (701 East Carson Street) no later than 3:00 p.m., on the date of 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: March 23, 2021
Commissioner Huff (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner D. Thomas 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Zone Text Amendment No. 187-2021

Attorney Ben Jones gave a presentation on the recommendation considering a requested text change and provides recommendation to City Council. Discussion and questions ensued. Commissioner Diaz made a motion to adopt the resolution 21-2707 that recommends that the council adopt the ordinance that was presented and approve Exhibit 1A of the resolution that has from staff report and any recommendations that Attorney Jones may have. Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds the motion. Chair Thomas makes a friendly amendment to limit storage, interior as automatic right and exterior storage by director approval. Louie accepts that change and Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds. Friendly amendment is accepted. Chair Thomas makes an additional friendly amendment that the planning commission should consider that the proposed ordinance may have effects on existing businesses in terms of rendering them legal non confirming. The commission requests that the Council consider these potential impacts when considering the proposed ordinance and determine whether additional changes should be made based on those considerations and if they feel that more changes should be made and need to be studied, they can send it back to the commission or if they feel comfortable with doing so amongst themselves they can. Commissioner Diaz makes the first motion to approve the second friendly amendment. Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Planning Manager reported that he will be forwarding the notice of scoping meeting for the draft program EIR for the Carson General Plan and will provide the link pertaining to the meeting being held via zoom.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Thomas has complimented the staff and Attorney Jones. She commended the CEO O' Donald as well on the knowledge he shared. She stated that is important to clean the air in the City of Carson. She also stated that she is proud to be a part of this commission. Commissioner Huff thanked the staff and everyone that participated in this meeting. Commissioner Montecarlo stated that he is encouraged that he heard from Island Star and that they made the changes to the substances that are no longer in their facilities. He is happy that the residents will be protected. He is concerned of the safety of the residents and wants to make sure that there are no businesses that are participating in unsafe habits. Commissioner Palmer wanted to know if there was a budget for trainings. He is interested in Planning Commission trainings and would like to know if the city can make them available for the commissioners as well as funded. Planning Manager Betancourt will follow up. Commissioner Diaz has no report this evening. Chair Thomas is thankful to hear the news that Island star is out of the hazard material storage business and they did it on their own. He thinks that the resolution approved today gives clarity of what can and cannot be done in the city. He would like to second vice chair about the trainings and wanted to leverage the COPA knowledge businesses as well. He would like to have investigation done about the businesses that are operating with hazardous releases.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Chairman

Attest By:

Secretary