



TUESDAY, June 8, 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, D. Thomas

*Rashad (Entered at 6:40pm)

Absent: Monteclaro (Excused Absence)

Alternates: None

Planning Staff: Betancourt, Jones, Sandoval

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)

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Minutes Approval: April 27, 2021

Commissioner Diaz (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner D. Thomas 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Infrastructure Financing Plan: Presentation by James Nguyen (City of Carson Project Manager) and Joe Dieguez (Kosmont Associates).

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Zone Text Amendment (Text Change) No. XXX-2021- Item was postponed to July 13, 2021

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager stated that the proposed text amendment will be heard first meeting in July.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Rashad had no comments.

Commissioner Diaz stated that the presentation was great. He raised a safety concern about a tree in his neighborhood. He said that it is on the city sidewalk and it needs to be removed or trimmed. He also stated that it has been 5 years since there was any tree trimming in their neighborhood. He said that there are large tree branches that are going onto his neighbors' home as well as large vehicles that are knocking branches off and he is fearful it will block the street when they fall. He stated he has reached out to Public Works and left messages in May with his contact information but has not received a call back.

Commissioner Guerra stated that he is concerned about the infrastructure with Southern California Edison due to the blackouts in Carson. He would like to know what we could do to assist.

Commissioner D. Thomas stated that she also had blackout issues in her neighborhood and she got a petition signed with all of the residents and gave it to Edison and they took care of the issue. She offered her assistance to Commissioner Guerra on this issue.

Commissioner Huff stated to everyone to have a good evening and it was a great meeting.

Vice Chair Palmer asked about an update for trainings for commissioners.

Staff Betancourt stated that money will be set aside for the next fiscal year for trainings for the commissioners.

Vice Chair Palmer inquired about a raise with stipends due to cost of living increase and time placed in meetings.

Staff Betancourt stated he will look into it and get back to him.

Chair Thomas asked when the \$50-dollar stipend was established and also mentioned the cost of living associated with the stipends. He agreed with Vice Chair Palmer about the stipend increase.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Chairman

Attest By:

Secretary