



TUESDAY, August 24, 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	Leticia Wilson
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 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Palmer, Diaz, Guerra, Huff, Monteclaro, D. Thomas, Rashad, Docdocil, Hernandez, Wilson

Absent: None

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: July 27, 2021**

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

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A) **Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1831-20**

Planning Manager Betancourt explained that the applicant asked to table the item because they must do additional due diligence before moving forward. So, the item if and when it comes back will be noticed properly and anyone who has been previously asked to be a part of the meeting will be notified. Brian Flynn from Lozeau Drury was asked if he still wished to make a comment. He declined. The public hearing was opened, and planning secretary Sandoval read a comment from the public from Debra Thomas who was a Compton resident stated that she is concerned about the noise from this project. Chair then closed the public hearing. Chair Thomas made a motion to table this item indefinitely and made it clear that bringing this item back would necessitate re noticing and invitation to those who took interest in the item.

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) **Planning Commissioner Workshop: Brown Act and Conflicts of Interest (Presentation by Assistant City Attorney Jones)**

Assistant City Attorney Ben Jones gave a presentation. Discussion amongst commissioners ensued.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Manager stated that we will be updating the planning website to be more user friendly for all. He also stated that September will be busy month for the Commissioners with the new items that will be presented as well as the General Plan.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Wilson said thank you for welcoming her. She is excited to be on this commission and ready to serve the community in any way that she can.

Commissioner Hernandez stated he had no comment.

Commissioner Docdocil asked for a copy of the Commissioner handbook and thanked staff for the education. He also let the commissioners know about the upcoming October City Events that will be October 2, 2021 (FILAM) and October 23, 2021 (Larry Italong event). He will let everyone know if it will be in person or via live feed.

Commissioner Rashad had no comment.

Commissioner D. Thomas asked about the Edison situation.

Planning Manager Betancourt stated that Code Enforcement did cite Edison with a violation. He said that he will follow up with SCE again to make sure this will be taken care of. He will follow up with Code Enforcement to see what the update is.

Commissioner Guerra thanked the Planning Manager Betancourt for looking into the Edison issue. He said hopefully the city will continue to pursue this vigorously for beatification at Edison's site.

Commissioner Huff said good evening to everyone. She thanked staff for the presentations this evening.

Commissioner Montecarlo stated that he is thankful everyone is keeping safe during this pandemic. He is also thankful for the new businesses that are coming into the City of Carson.

Commissioner Diaz announced that they are hosting a second Red Cross blood drive at the Community Center at Dominguez Lincoln Village located at 21156 Santa Fe Avenue in Carson on Tuesday, August 21, 2021 from 11am-5pm. He also mentioned that there may be two more this year.

Vice Chair Palmer asked Planning Manager Betancourt about the process of reducing speeds on Avalon between University and Del Amo.

Planning Manager Betancourt stated that the speed limits are controlled by Public Works. He stated that this may be something to look into while completing the new General Plan. He stated that he will investigate it and report back.

Chair Thomas stated that Monday started the beginning of the fall semester at Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson. That the new resident halls have been populated. There are new buildings on campus. The official open house will be October 15 where you will be able to see all the new construction on campus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Chairman

Attest By:

Secretary