



**TUESDAY, January 25, 2022**  
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  
Dianne Thomas Karimu Rashad Vacant  
Alternates: Frederick Docdocil Richard Hernandez Leticia Wilson  
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, Guerra, Huff, Monteclaro, D.Thomas,  
Rashad (Entered 6:39 PM), Hernandez, Wilson

Absent: Diaz (EA), Docdocil

Planning Staff: Betancourt, Sandoval, 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)

**\*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.**

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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](mailto: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

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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: January 11, 2022**

Commissioner D. Thomas (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Hernandez 2nd; Motion passed with 7-2 abstain (Palmer & Monteclaro).

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#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1802-19, Variance 567-19, 571-21, 572-21 and 573-22**

Associate Planner Alexander gave a presentation. Discussion ensued with commissioners.

Commissioner D. Thomas (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to approve, Commissioner Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passes unanimously.

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#### **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1612-16 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1002-16**

Chair Thomas stated that the recommendation of staff was to continue this item to February 22, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting. He then permitted the public who was in attendance to speak on the item before it going to a vote by opening the public hearing.

Richard Licerio was thankful for everyone for letting him speak on this item. He stated he has been in the construction industry for 30 years and he is a third-generation Liuna member and he 100 percent supports this project.

Ray Lawson (Local 562 Carpenters Union) thanked the commissioners for there time. He stated that they have over 4000 members in the South Bay. Many live and work for in the City of Carson. He stated that this project will provide many jobs and careers for the

members. He stated that many of the skilled members will be able to work in the city they live in and would love for this project to be approved.

Eon Moss (Local 562) stated that he is 100 percent for this project. He stated that this would be a great opportunity to work in our communities and to continue to build Carson up.

Tiana Jensen (Local 562) lives in our city and supports this project. This project would create many opportunities for the members and the community. She stated that this project will offer jobs for the carpenters to help their families and she 100 percent supports this project.

Steven Donahue (Local 562) has been a member for the last 13 years. He supports this project. He believes in live here work here and this would give an opportunity for members to work closer to home.

Jose Garcia (Member of Labors National Union of North America) is in full support of this project. He advocated for this project to help apprentices gain the work experience so they will be successful in life.

Jayson Biaz (Member of Labors National Union of North America) thanked the commission for there time. He stated that he fully supports this project. He wants to provide job opportunities for those who really need jobs. These jobs provide a living wage, full healthcare benefits and a pension. This project can be a great opportunity for the community and surrounding communities especially during this pandemic.

Anthony Campos stated that lives in the area and goes to school in Carson. He would like to have local hire language for this project to help the community.

Carlos Cruz Cardenas (Local 562) he would like this project to move forward. He stated that many members travel far for work. With this project it will allow members to work closer to home.

Chair Charles Thomas opened this item for a vote to continue this item to February 22, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.

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

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## **7. PLANNING MANAGERS REPORT**

Planning Manager Betancourt stated that Vice Chair Palmer asked for training for the commissioners. He stated that he spoke to the Director and he stated that if all members would like training that the whole body must let him know. Chair Thomas stated that he is all for professional development and training for more members of our commission. Betancourt stated he will let the director know and will report back. He stated that the commission had a closed session item at the beginning of the year. He will follow up with another closed session item on the same matter and hopefully soon will have a text amendment that will address that amongst other things.

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## **8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone for the welcome and was interested in getting the contact information for the commissioners and the city attorney because she has some questions. She is excited to be here.

Commissioner Hernandez stated that his family was excited for Rascals to come to the City of Carson and is looking forward to seeing how the building will work. He is a big fan.

Commissioner Rashad wished everyone the best.

Commissioner Thomas stated that she attended the training from Alshire and Wynder. It was extremely informative. She thanked them for inviting the commissioners. Also, the water district presentation will be happening January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. She looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Commissioner Monteclaro stated that he and his wife are big fans of rascals and is excited to have one in Carson.

Commissioner Huff stated that she also a fan of Rascals and is hopeful for larger developments in Carson as well. She thanked Commissioner Thomas for providing information about the presentations. She also mentioned the importance of the redistricting and to get informed.

Commissioner Guerra is excited about Rascals and he is hoping it gets completed quickly.

Vice Chair Palmer gives kudos to staff today for there hard work.

Chair Thomas gives thanks to Associate Planner Alexander for her report. He also apologies for not being able to attend the Monday presentation from the Water board as he will be facilitating an online class.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Chairman

Attest By:

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Secretary