



TUESDAY, June 14, 2022
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
6:30 p.m., Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Members: Vice Chair: Chris Palmer Louie Diaz Frederick Docdocil
Carlos Guerra Del Huff Jaime Monteclaro
Karimu Rashad Dianne Thomas Richard Hernandez
Alternates: Vacant DeQuita Mfume Leticia Wilson
Staff: Planning Manager: Betancourt Assistant City Attorney: Jones

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Diaz, Docdocil, Guerra, Huff, Thomas, Rashad, Hernandez
Absent: Palmer (EA), Monteclaro (EA)
Alternates: Mfume, Wilson
Planning Staff: Naaseh, Gonzalez, Jones, Castillo, Edmondson, Rubio

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)

Gonzalez reported no calls, letters or emails. Rubio reported no speakers at time of meeting.

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3. EMERGENCY ITEM

- A)** An emergency item was suggested by Assistant City Attorney Jones- Decision to add emergency item to agenda, to appoint a chairperson for this meeting due to absence of Vice Chair Palmer and no current Chairperson to due vacancy. A 2/3 vote was required. Staff did not know of Vice Chair Palmers absence before Agenda was posted.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner D. Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to vote to appoint a chairperson for this meeting only.

3. SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY ITEM

- B)** Subsequent to Emergency Item to appoint Chairperson for this meeting only after 2/3 votes passes.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Guerra moved, seconded by Commissioner D. Thomas to appoint Commissioner Diaz as Temporary Chair. Motion carries, 9-0 vote. Commissioner Diaz accepts appointment.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Minutes Approval: May 10, 2022

Commissioner D. Thomas (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Guerra 2nd; Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Applicant Request:

The applicant, Marc Levun, is requesting to consider approval of a proposed In-N-Out restaurant with drive-thru

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Assistant Planner Castillo presented staff report/presentation and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 22-2834, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN OVERLAY REVIEW NO. 1855-21 FOR A PROPOSED IN-N-OUT RESTAURANT AT 20512 S. AVALON BOULEVARD .

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner D. Thomas moved, seconded by Acting Chair Diaz, to approve staff's request, thus approving DOR No. 1855-21. Motion carried, 9-0 vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1629-16, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1014-16, Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) No. 74135

Applicant Request:

The applicant, Enei Igwue, is requesting to consider approval to develop two detached residential condominium units.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Senior Planner Edmondson presented staff report/presentation and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 22-2835, entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. 1629-16, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1014-16, AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 74135 FOR A PROPOSED TWO-UNIT DETACHED RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 140 W. 223rd ST. / APN 7341-014-025.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner D. Thomas moved, seconded Commissioner Hernandez, to approve staff's request, thus approving DOR No. 1629-16, CUP No. 1014-16, TPM No. 74135. Motion carried, 9-0 vote.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Proposed Mural Installation at 21140 S. Avalon Boulevard

Applicant Request:

The applicant requested to continue item to next Planning Commission Meeting. He was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

City Attorney recommended to continue to next meeting, no need to specify date of meeting since item will need to be re-noticed.

Planning Commission Decision:

Acting Chair Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner D. Thomas, to postponed item to next Planning Commission Meeting. Public Hearing was not opened since item is continued. Motion carried, 9-0.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Community Development Manager Saied Naaseh requested options about the Chair position vacancy from Assistant City Attorney Ben Jones. Assistant City Attorney Jones gave the commission multiple different options for the commission to consider.

Commissioner D. Thomas and Commissioner Diaz both agreed that they have no problem with the current action of Vice Chair Palmer acting as Chair and if absent another commissioner may act on his behalf. Assistant City Attorney Jones stated if there was ever a need to reevaluate and discuss that the commission may do so.

8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Guerra stated that a citizen contacted him about weeds that were obstructing the sidewalk causing a hazardous situation. He emailed Planning Manager Betancourt and Assistant City Attorney Jones to discuss these dangerous concerns. The site is located on the 900 block of east Lincoln and Bond Street. It has allegedly been reported to the city. Would like this issue to be resolved as soon as possible. Community Development Director, Saied Naaseh stated that he would send this request to code enforcement for further action.

Commissioner D. Thomas stated that she wanted to give a report back to the group about a project that was listed located on Chico and Dominguez Street with the care facility that was proposed and excepted by the commission. One of the concerns that she had was the influx of trucks and cars that would be added on the route of traffic on Chico, Leapwood, Belshaw and Dominguez Street. She thanked Community Development Director Naaseh for holding a meeting to discuss these concerns. The traffic engineer has created a great resolution that will help mitigate this concern.

Community Development Director, Saied Naaseh stated that he received an email today that the engineering team will be moving ahead with the improvements which includes signage and striping as soon as possible.

Commissioner Huff stated good evening to everyone for a great meeting. Also thanked Commissioner Diaz for assisting in making the meeting rather quick.

Commissioner Rashad appreciated the staff and commission. Also wanted to wish everyone a Happy Juneteenth and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there.

Commissioner Docdocil echoed Commissioners Huffs statement. He appreciated the fast-moving meeting and thanked the commissioners and staff.

Commissioner Hernandez had two concerns. One is the gas station on 223rd and Main Street. He would like to know what will be happening on that site. His main concern is on Avalon and Carson Street. He would like to suggest that the two turning lanes that are on Carson Street that turn north and south. He was wondering if the city can alter the times so that it can assist with ongoing traffic. He also wanted to know what the Traffic Engineer thought about that.

Community Development Director, Saied Naaseh stated that he would check with the Traffic Engineer and will provide an update.

Commissioner Mfume just wanted to say hello. Sorry that she missed the May 10th meeting as it was her birthday. She is thankful for the city staff and commissioners for a great quick meeting.

Commissioner Wilson appreciated the efficiency of the meeting. She thanked the staff and commissioners that are recognizing that the traffic issues and are making strides to effectively update them.

Commissioner Thomas thanked Commissioner Rashad for the reminder about Juneteenth. She wanted to mention the Juneteenth celebration which will be held at Mills Park this Saturday. There will be live music and amazing weather. It will be at the corner of Central and Dimondale. She invites everyone to come out and enjoy the fun. She also wanted to wish Happy Father's Day to all the fathers as well.

Acting Chair Diaz wanted to thank fellow commissioners and staff for a great meeting. He also wanted to let everyone know that the Dominguez Community Center HOA hosted a blood drive on June 8, 2022, eighteen participants came to donate blood and he wanted to thank them.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Louie Diaz, Acting Chair - Covid Signature

Chairman

Attest By:

Maria A. Gonzalez

Secretary