

MINUTES



**CITY OF PASADENA
NORTHWEST COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
6:30 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Carla Boykin, Ryan Bell, Christina Budai, Al Carr, Kimberly Douglas, Cindy Schnuelle, Allen Shay, Beverly Sims

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ralph Frammolino (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Chair Boykin called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

2. WELCOME

- WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS CHRISTINA BUDAI (DISTRICT 3) AND RYAN BELL (DISTRICT 6)

Commissioners Christina Budai (District 3) and Ryan Bell (District 6) introduced themselves as new Commissioners and shared their background and experience.

Public Comment:

Adriana submitted a comment about the layout of Northwest Commission agenda.

Laura Gomez, a Pasadena resident, submitted a comment about future plans for La Pintesca Park and would like to see the bathrooms and fencing improved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review, it was moved (Schnuelle) and seconded (Carr) to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting. (Motion carried) (Abstain: Bell)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR	ABSTAIN
Boykin	X	
Shay	X	
Sims	X	
Carr	X	
Budai	X	
Schnuelle	X	

Bell		x
Douglas	x	

4. UPDATE FROM LT. MARCIA TAGLIORETTI (PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT)

Lt. Marcia Taglioretti presented the Statistical Report on incidents and traffic collision for June 2020. Questions from the Commission followed.

Public Comment:

Adriana, a Pasadena resident, submitted a comment about the purpose of Lt. Taglioretti’s update to the Commission and the Pasadena Police Department’s response to activists and demonstrations.

NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

Public Comment:

A Pasadena resident submitted a comment about an incident at the Fair Oaks Laundromat.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CULTURAL SIGNAGE PROJECT FOR 10 W. WALNUT (PARSONS PROJECT) – APPLICANT TEAM (PRESENTER)
The Commission received a presentation from Mark Workman (Lincoln Property Company), Heather Lindquist (Harvest Moon Studio), and Jennifer Bressler (Hunt Design) about the development project on the Parsons campus at Walnut St. and Fair Oaks Ave. The project, when completed in late spring or early summer of 2021, will be a mixed-use campus including an office building, 400 residential units, and ground floor retail.

The update of the cultural signage project included new research and design modifications, which incorporated feedback from a presentation to the Northwest Commission on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

The cultural signage project design consists of two story-telling devices: an exhibit map wall in a centralized area to tell the broader historical context of the project and five porcelain enamel panels to spread around the site, which tell mini-stories.

The Commission provided feedback and suggestions:

- Provide information on how many African-Americans lived in the area after World War II (1946-1956) (Vice-Chair Shay)
- Replace information from the 1890’s with post-World War II information, stories, and addressing this time period more succinctly (Vice-Chair Shay)
- Add more data about displaced people (Commissioner Schnuelle)

- Explore the idea of a larger sized plaque (Commissioner Sims)

Public Comment:

Kim Nicholas submitted a comment about the cultural signage project and the lack of Black staff on the presentation team.

- **UPDATE OF SIX MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Commission discussed updates to the six month strategic plan for FY 2019-2020.

6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

- **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff (Osborne) commented on the following:

- Staff emailed handouts with most recent COVID-19 information;
- The Annual Meeting will take place at the next meeting in August, and asked Commissioners to think about ideas for the next work plan;
- Commissioners who are interested in becoming an Officer for FY 2020-2021, please let Staff (Osborne) know; and
- Staff (Sabha) will email survey for Annual Meeting start time preference.

- **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Bell provided a comment regarding the civilian oversight and police accountability issues and asked the Commission if there is something they can, or should be doing, to address the concerns of the community.

Commissioner Douglas commented that canvassers for Pasadena Organizing for Progress (POP) have started canvassing in the Northwest area for the census and are leaving door hangers in hard to count areas.

7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

- None

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Schnuelle) and seconded (Douglas) to adjourn the special meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

/s/ Carla Boykin

Carla Boykin, Chair
Northwest Commission

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department