



Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Northwest Commission
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Pat Amsbry, Julieta Aragon, Ryan Bell, Alfred Carr (joined at 6:35 PM), Michael Anthony Cullins, Cindy Schnuelle, Allen Shay

Commissioners Absent: Kimberly Douglas (excused), Monique Preyer (unexcused), Beverly Sims (excused)

Staff Present: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Schnuelle called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

2. Roll Call

Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

After review, it was moved (Amsbry) and seconded (Cullins) to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Schnuelle, Aragon, Cullins, Shay, Amsbry, Bell

Abstain: Carr

5. Update from Pasadena Police Department – Lt. Marcia Taglioretti

Lt. Taglioretti presented the Statistical Report on incidents and traffic collision information for August 2021. Questions from the Commission followed.

6. New Business

- **Heritage Square South Project update at 710 North Fair Oaks Avenue – Jim Wong (Senior Project Manager, Housing Department)**

The Commission received an update on the Heritage Square South Project. Questions from the Commission followed.

Presenters:

Jim Wong – Housing Department

Anna Slaby – BRIDGE Housing

Rose Cuyno – BRIDGE Housing

- **Presentation of Chick-fil-A project redesign at 790 North Lake Avenue – Kathy Gatherum Lucker (Partner, Dolphin Group)**

The Commission received a presentation about the Chick-fil-A project redesign at 790 North Lake Avenue. Questions from the Commission followed.

Presenters:

Kathy Lucker – The Dolphin Group

Carlos Arias – Chick-fil-A

Kelsie Wu – 4G Development

Public Comments:

Dr. Laura Medina, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment that was read to the Commission sharing her concerns about the proposed Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Liza Billington, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment that was read to the Commission sharing her opposition of the proposed Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Gilbert Cadena, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment that was read to the Commission sharing his opposition of the proposed Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Regina Gomez, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment that was read to the Commission asking that Conditional Use Permit #6807 for the proposed Chick-fil-A restaurant be denied.

7. Old Business

- **Commission strategic plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Bell) and seconded (Schnuelle) to approve the strategic plan updates as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Schnuelle, Carr, Aragon, Cullins, Amsbry, Cell

Absent: Shay

- **Review and update of the Commission Survey**

After discussion, it was moved (Bell) and seconded (Schnuelle) to approve the updated Northwest Commission survey. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Schnuelle, Carr, Aragon, Cullins, Amsbry, Cell

Absent: Shay

- **Review and update of the Northwest Commission letter to new businesses**

After discussion, it was moved (Schnuelle) and seconded (Amsbry) to approve the updated Northwest Commission letter to new businesses. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Schnuelle, Carr, Aragon, Cullins, Shay, Amsbry, Bell

8. Reports/Comments from the Chair

None

9. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Aragon commented on attending the Walk and Talk event with the Department of Transportation on Saturday, August 7, where the proposed improvements to the North Lake Avenue Traffic and Pedestrian Safety plan were discussed.

Commissioner Shay shared the following comments:

- Commented on the length of presentations that are brought to the Northwest Commission;
- Shared that there will be an event on Sunday, August 15 at the Alkebulan Cultural Center regarding how to restore our community that was effected by the Anthony McClain incident; and
- Asked Staff (Osborne) for clarification about the boundaries of Northwest.

Staff (Osborne) informed the Commission that the proposed Chick-fil-A site is in the Northwest area.

Commissioner Bell commented on previous conversations about the length of the Commission meetings and length of the Chick-fil-A presentation at tonight's meeting

10. Staff Comments

Staff (Osborne) provided the following comments:

- Shared an update from Jim Wong (Housing Department) about the Heritage Square South Project presentation at tonight's meeting, that the City's regulatory agreement will require the project to provide affordable rental housing for a period of 99 years, which exceeds the tax credit 55-year requirement;
- Staff is finalizing the updated Northwest Commissioner binders and will notify the Commission when they are available for pick-up at the Jackie Robinson Community Center beginning on Tuesday, August 17;
- Asked Commissioners to email Staff (Osborne) with their preference for their names for the Commission badges;
- The Fair Oaks Empowerment Group is scheduling a meeting with the public to discuss improvements along Fair Oaks Avenue. Staff will provide an update to the Commission when the meeting date is confirmed;
- Staff will be sending the flyer for all Specific Plans on Wednesday, August 11;
- In person Commission meetings will resume one month after the public is invited to attend City Council meetings in person; and
- Clarified that the Northwest geographical area extends to Mentor Avenue and a color copy of the Northwest Boundary Map was sent to the Commission and is included in Commissioner binders.

11. Upcoming meeting agenda items

- Discussion of the draft Housing Element that references the Northwest
- Presentation from the Citizen Service Center about issues reported in the Northwest

12. Adjournment

It was moved (Amsbry) and seconded (Carr) to adjourn the regular meeting.
(Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

/s/ Kimberly Douglas

Kimberly Douglas, Chair
Northwest Commission

/s/ Tamer Sabha

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