



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

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1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Present: Commissioners Cole, Delgado, Giessinger, Hernandez, Olivas, Rawlings, Vice Chair Hansen, Chair Lyon
Excused Absent: Commissioner Coher
Staff: Jennifer Paige, Deborah Wordham, Luis Rocha, David Sanchez
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**
 - None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **August 24, 2022** – Commissioner Cole moved approval of the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes with clarification made by Commissioner Rawlings on agenda item no. 5 (Affinity PD) related to the recommendation requiring infrastructure for electric vehicle charging. Seconded by Commissioner Rawlings. Minutes approved 6-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cole, Delgado, Giessinger, Olivas, Rawlings, Vice Chair Hansen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Coher
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Hernandez, Chair Lyon
4. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Acting Director Paige informed the Commission that:

 - That virtual public hearings are allowed to continue through October 14, 2022. On October 3, 2022, the City Council will consider whether to continue allowing virtual public hearings or to return to in-person hearings;
 - Several new State legislations were signed recently. Staff staff will provide an update on the legislations to the Commission at a future meeting; and
 - The October 12, 2022, Planning Commission meeting will have one case, a CUP to allow a cannabis laboratory.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Staff will present a recommendation for a Zoning Code Amendment pertaining to Planned Developments Regulations.

It is recommended that the Planning Commission:

- 1) Recommend that the City Council find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense rule” that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and that where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA; and,
- 2) Recommend that the City Council make the findings for approval of the Zoning Code Amendment.

Case Manager: David Sanchez

Public Comments

- Nina Chomsky (Linda Vista-Annandale Association)
- Pete Ewing
- Andrew Salimian (Pasadena Heritage)
- Evan Davis
- Marsha Rood

Motion

Commissioner Rawlings moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Vice Chair Hansen. Motion approved 8-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cole, Delgado, Giessinger, Hernandez, Olivas, Rawlings, Vice Chair Hansen, Chair Lyon

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Coher

ABSTAIN: None

Motion

Commissioner Cole moved to recommend that the City Council adopt Approach 1 from the staff report to eliminate the Planned Development process from the Zoning Code and adopt the CEQA determination. Seconded by Commissioner Olivas. Motion approved 8-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cole, Delgado, Giessinger, Hernandez, Olivas, Rawlings, Vice Chair Hansen, Chair Lyon

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Coher

ABSTAIN: None

6. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF

- None

7. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Design Commission** – Commissioner Delgado provided an update on three projects from the September 27, 2022 Design Commission meeting.
- B. Board of Zoning Appeals** – None

8. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Vice Chair Hansen requested that the Commission have a special meeting with the new City Manager. The Commission concurred.
- Commissioner Delgado requested to agendaize a discussion to amend the General Plan Land Use Element to clarify that the General Plan density, which is on the scale from 0-87 dwelling units per acre is set by Specific Plan adoption. The Specific Plan would determine the maximum density on a scale from 0-87 dwelling units per acre when the property is within a Specific Plan.
- Commissioner Cole expressed strong interest in developing objective design standards, similar to the City of Gardens Ordinance, for lower density development or higher density development in the city.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Lyon adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17 p.m.



Luis Rocha, Planning Manager



Hayman Tam, Recording Secretary