



**Minutes
Special Meeting
Northwest Commission
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Alfred Carr, Michael Cullins (joined at 6:33 P.M.), Kimberly Douglas, Max Reyes, Beverly Sims, Lorena Yepez Hernandez

Commissioners Absent: Monique Preyer (unexcused), Julieta Aragon (excused), Ryan Bell (excused)

Staff Present: Lola Osborne and Jane Whitmore

1. Call to order

Chair Sims called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

2. Roll call

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

3. Public comments for items on the agenda

None

4. Approval of minutes

After review, it was moved (Douglas) and seconded (Carr) to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular meeting. (Motion carried with two abstentions)

In Favor: Sims, Carr, Cullins, Douglas

Abstain: Reyes, Yepez Hernandez

Absent: Preyer, Aragon, Bell

5. Update from Pasadena Police Department – Lt. Carlo Montiglio

Lieutenant Montiglio provided information on recent incident trends in the Northwest and responded to questions from the Commission.

6. New business

- **Presentation from the Housing Rights Center about the services provided for constituents - Elana Eden (Director of Media Outreach and Education)**
The Commission received a presentation from Elana Eden about the services provided by the Housing Rights Center for constituents in Pasadena. Questions from the Commission followed the presentation.

- **Presentation from the Planning and Community Development Department regarding updates on the North Lake and Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plans - Martin Potter (Senior Planner)**

The Commission received a presentation from Martin Potter regarding updates on the North Lake and Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plans and the status of the Housing Element. Questions from the Commission followed the presentation.

7. Old business

- **Commission Strategic Plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Douglas) and seconded (Carr) to approve the Northwest Commission Strategic Plan updates for November 2022 and Presentation Calendar as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Sims, Carr, Cullins, Reyes, Yepez Hernandez, Douglas

Absent: Preyer, Aragon, Bell

8. Reports/comments from the Chair

Chair Sims welcomed new Commissioner Yepez Hernandez and requested that she introduce herself to the Commission.

9. Comments from Commissioners

Vice-Chair Carr and Commissioner Reyes welcomed new Commissioner Yepez Hernandez.

Commissioner Yepez Hernandez introduced herself and shared her background of community involvement in Pasadena.

10. Staff comments

Staff (Osborne) shared the following information

- The Arts and Cultural Affairs Division issued a “Call for Artist” requesting submission from local artists for the Rotating Public Art Program. The flyer will be emailed to the Commission with more details.
- Department of Water and Power sent an invitation for volunteers to participate in a Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group (STAG) to provide input on the 2023 Power Integrated Resource Plan. Commissioners should email staff (Osborne) if interested.
- Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Hampton are hosting a Community Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Friday, November 18, 9:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M. at Alkebu-lan Cultural Center. The flyer will be emailed to the Commission with more details.

11. Upcoming meeting agenda items

- Presentation from Department of Housing regarding information on affordable housing and permanent supportive housing projects in development in the Northwest.

- Presentation from Department of Housing regarding the Homelessness Plan Update Draft Goals and Strategies.
- Presentation from Department of Housing regarding the application and selection process for residents at Heritage Square South, Homeless Senior Housing project.

12. Adjournment

It was moved (Carr) and seconded (Reyes) to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

/s/ Beverly Sims

Beverly Sims, Chair
Northwest Commission

/s/ Jane Whitmore

Jane Whitmore, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department