

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

September 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rojas called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY CHAIR ROJAS

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: ROJAS
SURICH
MAHECHA
BERNIER

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: MANLEY

OTHERS PRESENT: DIRECTOR: KIM
PLANNING MANAGER: LUI
ASSISTANT PLANNER: O'TOOLE
SECRETARY: V. LOPEZ
CITY ATTORNEY: ROBERTO

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Rojas asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak on any item not listed on the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Rojas explained the Consent Calendar procedures. She asked if there were any members of the public or any Commissioners that wished to have any item removed. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Mahecha, seconded by Vice Chair Surich, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0.

1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.

Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of September 11, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION 23-02 TO AMEND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 98-71 FOR THE OPERATION OF A WATER

DISPENSING KIOSK (OUTDOOR VENDING MACHINE) AT 1581 WEST WHITTIER BOULEVARD, #1A

Chair Rojas asked if any correspondence had been received in regards to the item. Secretary Lopez said none had been received.

Assistant Planner Michael O'Toole presented the staff report.

Chair Rojas asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Mahecha said she was happy to see they were making the kiosk more ADA accessible.

Chair Rojas asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project. There were none.

The Chair asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the project. There were none.

Chair Rojas closed the public hearing and asked for a discussion or a motion.

Moved by Commissioner Mahecha and seconded by Vice Chair Surich, Approving Resolution No. 23-14 Entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS AND APPROVING MODIFICATION 23-02 TO AMEND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 98-71 FOR THE OPERATION OF A WATER DISPENSING KIOSK (OUTDOOR VENDING MACHINE) LOCATED AT 1581 WEST WHITTIER BOULEVARD, #1A, AS PER THE APPROVED PLANS AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, AND MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15302(B), CLASS 2: "REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION" OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MAHECHA, SURICH, BERNIER, ROJAS
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: MANLEY

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

Planning Manager Sonya Lui presented the staff report on the nomination of a Planning Commissioner to serve on the City's Centennial Celebration Ad Hoc Planning Committee.

Chair Rojas asked if the Commissioners had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Bernier explained that in the past, the Commission has nominated the Chair to serve as the Commission's representative.

Vice Chair Surich expressed her interest in the position and nominated herself. She said she is willing to take on that responsibility and feels connected to the community's organizations.

Commissioner Mahecha made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Surich.

Chair Rojas thanked the Commissioners for their input and said although the role sounds fun, but she would not have time to serve as the representative. She said she was also in agreement to nominate Vice Chair Surich for the position and questioned whether it was necessary for a Commissioner to second the motion. Planning Manager Lui replied that it was a procedural recommendation only. Based on a straw poll vote, Vice Chair Surich was selected to serve on the Centennial Celebration Ad Hoc Committee.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 p.m. to the Planning Commission meeting on October 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary