

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
March 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Vice 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 COMMISSIONER MANLEY

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: ROJAS
MANLEY
MAHECHA

ABSENT: (EXCUSED) COMMISSIONERS: SURICH
BERNIER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice 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

Vice 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.

City Attorney, Brittany Roberto, explained that the Commission would be making three separate motions. The first motion would be to approve item number one on the Consent Calendar, the second motion is for item number two and the third motion is to approve item number three.

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

Moved by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Mahecha. Motion passed 3-0

2. Minutes of January 23, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Vice Chair Rojas. Motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Mahecha abstaining.

3. Minutes of February 13, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Mahecha, seconded by Commissioner Manley. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. THE PROPOSED PARK NAMES FOR THE NEW PARK AT 200 WEST GREENWOOD AVENUE.

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

Assistant Planner O'Toole presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Mahecha asked if she could explain her opinion between the first and second recommended names. Assistant Planner O'Toole said that the Commission was free to make their own recommendation, separate from what the Community Services Commission recommended. Ultimately, the City Council will be making the final decision, but they will consider the recommendations by both the Community Services Commission and the Planning Commission. Assistant Planner O'Toole explained that even though the Community Services Commission chose "Las Reinas" as their favorite name, the Planning Commission would be able to pick "Las Doñas" as their top choice.

Director Kim explained the procedures of the meeting, reminding the Commission that they could discuss their choices after they had asked questions of staff and after the close of the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Commissioner Manley asked if the five names were submitted by the Woman's Club. Assistant Planner O'Toole confirmed that the names were provided by the Woman's Club and identified in the order of club's preference. Commissioner Manley then requested confirmation that the Community Services Commission has selected option number one as their first choice and number two as their second choice. Assistant Planner O'Toole said that was correct.

The Vice Chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the item.

Natalie Skullr-White, President of the La Habra's Woman's Club, addressed the Commission. Ms. Skullr-White gave a brief explanation of the history and activities of the Woman's Club. She said they were in support of the recommendation made by the Community Services Commission. She explained that they spoke to the club members and the community in order to come up with the five recommended names. She said it would be a great honor for the Woman's Club to be associated with the new park site in La Habra.

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

Commissioner Mahecha said she loved that the Hispanic heritage of the City and the history of the club is reflected in the names that were chosen. She stated that she preferred the name "Las Doñas Park" as the translation best reflects who the Woman's Club members are.

Commissioner Manley said he agrees with Commissioner Mahecha and said he prefers the name "Las Doñas Park" for its meaning.

Vice Chair Rojas said she agrees with her fellow Commissioners and that it's amazing that the club has been a part of the community's history for such a long time and that she also prefers the name "Las Doñas Park".

Commissioner Mahecha made a motion recommending that the City Council of the City of La Habra approve "Las Doñas Park" as the new park name for the new park at 200 West Greenwood Avenue.

Moved by Commissioner Mahecha and seconded by Commissioner Manley. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Lui informed the Commission that at the first meeting scheduled for April, staff would be presenting the Krispy Kreme project and asking the Planning Commission to consider reorganization of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Manly asked Ms. Skullr-White for the details of their upcoming open house and thanked her and the kids for being present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:51 p.m. to the Planning Commission meeting on April 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary