

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
January 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Manley 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 VICE CHAIR MAHECHA

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: MANLEY
MAHECHA
CARDENAS
RAMSLAND

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: ACTING DIRECTOR: COLE-CORONA
PLANNING MANAGER: LUI
SECRETARY: LOPEZ
CITY ATTORNEY: ROBERTO
SENIOR PLANNER: SYED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Manley asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Commission on the consent calendar or any item not listed on the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Secretary Lopez explained the Consent Calendar procedures. Chair Manley asked if any of the Commissioners wished to remove an item. There were none. He then asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to remove an item. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ramsland, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas, 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.
- 2. Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of January 13, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR DESIGN REVIEW (DRPH24-0003) TO ALLOW THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING AT 815 EAST LA HABRA BOULEVARD

Chair Manley excused Vice Chair Mahecha from the dais because she stated that her primary residence is located within 500 feet of the project being discussed. After Vice Chair Mahecha left the room, Chair Manley asked if any correspondence had been received in regards to the item. Secretary Lopez said no.

Senior Planner, Ash Syed, presented the staff report.

Chair Manley asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions. Chair Manley asked if there would be signs or striping indicating that the proposed drive aisle is one-way only. Senior Planner Syed confirmed that there will be signs and striping added during construction to indicate a one-way drive aisle. Chair Manley then asked staff to clarify if a new elevator was included in the plans and questioned whether providing an elevator was an ADA (Americans With Disabilities) requirement. Senior Planner Syed said that an elevator is proposed and responded that Building and Safety staff would determine if it is an ADA requirement.

Chair Manley opened the public hearing and invited the applicant to address the Commission and asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor of the project.

Mr. Delfin Poquiz, representing the applicant, addressed the Commission. Mr. Poquiz said he and the owner concurred with the information presented in staff's report and that they would be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have.

There being no others to speak in favor of the project, Chair Manly asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the project. There were none.

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

Moved by Commissioner Cardenas and seconded by Chair Manley, Approving Resolution No. 25-04 Entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS AND APPROVING A DESIGN REVIEW (DRPH24-0003) FOR THE PROPOSED RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING AT 815 EAST LA HABRA BOULEVARD, AS PER THE APPROVED PLANS AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, AND MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15332, CLASS 32: "INFILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS" OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: CARDENAS, MANLEY, RAMSLAND,
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
RECUSED: COMMISSIONERS: MAHECHA

Secretary Lopez said that the action becomes final within 10 working days unless appealed to City Council.

Vice Chair Mahecha returned to the dais.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Lui informed the Commission of the application recruitment process for the vacancies in the Planning Commission and Community Services Commission.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Mahecha thanked the Centennial Committee for an amazing job on the kickoff celebration and thanked Katie Elmore for doing a great job catering the event.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:49 p.m. to the Planning Commission meeting on February 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary