



**TUESDAY, April 13, 2021**  
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745  
6:30 p.m., Via Zoom

## **MINUTES**

### **MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Members:	Chair: Charles Thomas	Vice Chair: Chris Palmer	Louie Diaz
	Carlos Guerra	Del Huff	Jaime Montecarlo
	Karimu Rashad	Dianne Thomas	Vacant
Alternates:	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Staff:	Planning Manager: Betancourt	Assistant City Attorney: Jones	

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Palmer, Diaz, Huff, Guerra, D. Thomas

Absent: Rashad (Excused Absence),  
Montecarlo \*(Entered meeting at 6:44 pm)

Alternates: None

Planning Staff: Betancourt, Jones

#### **3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A) Minutes Approval: March 23, 2021  
Commissioner Huff (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to approve, Commissioner D. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed unanimously.

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#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Zone Text Amendment No. 187-2021

Attorney Ben Jones gave a presentation on the recommendation considering a requested text change and provides recommendation to City Council. Discussion and questions ensued. Commissioner Diaz made a motion to adopt the resolution 21-2707 that recommends that the council adopt the ordinance that was presented and approve Exhibit 1A of the resolution that has from staff report and any recommendations that Attorney Jones may have. Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds the motion. Chair Thomas makes a friendly amendment to limit storage, interior as automatic right and exterior storage by director approval. Louie accepts that change and Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds. Friendly amendment is accepted. Chair Thomas makes an additional friendly amendment that the planning commission should consider that the proposed ordinance may have effects on existing businesses in terms of rendering them legal non confirming. The commission requests that the Council consider these potential impacts when considering the proposed ordinance and determine whether additional changes should be made based on those considerations and if they feel that more changes should be made and need to be studied, they can send it back to the commission or if they feel comfortable with doing so amongst themselves they can. Commissioner Diaz makes the first motion to approve the second friendly amendment. Commissioner Dianne Thomas seconds the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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## 7. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Planning Manager reported that he will be forwarding the notice of scoping meeting for the draft program EIR for the Carson General Plan and will provide the link pertaining to the meeting being held via zoom.

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## 8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Thomas has complimented the staff and Attorney Jones. She commended the CEO O' Donald as well on the knowledge he shared. She stated that is important to clean the air in the City of Carson. She also stated that she is proud to be a part of this commission. Commissioner Huff thanked the staff and everyone that participated in this meeting. Commissioner Montecarlo stated that he is encouraged that he heard from Island Star and that they made the changes to the substances that are no longer in their facilities. He is happy that the residents will be protected. He is concerned of the safety of the residents and wants to make sure that there are no businesses that are participating in unsafe habits. Commissioner Palmer wanted to know if there was a budget for trainings. He is interested in Planning Commission trainings and would like to know if the city can make them available for the commissioners as well as funded. Planning Manager Betancourt will follow up. Commissioner Diaz has no report this evening. Chair Thomas is thankful to hear the news that Island star is out of the hazard material storage business and they did it on their own. He thinks that the resolution approved today gives clarity of what can and cannot be done in the city. He would like to second vice chair about the trainings and wanted to leverage the COPA knowledge businesses as well. He would like to have investigation done about the businesses that are operating with hazardous releases.

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## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Charles Thomas- (COVID signature)  
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Chairman

Attest By:

Lucille Sandoval (COVID Signature)  
Secretary



**TUESDAY, June 22, 2021**  
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745  
6:30 p.m., Via Zoom

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Montecarlo, Diaz, Huff, Guerra, D. Thomas, Rashad  
Docdocil, Hernandez

Absent: Montecarlo (Excused Absence), Palmer (Absent)

Alternates: None

Planning Staff: Betancourt, Jones, Sandoval

Chair Thomas asked to switch order on the agenda from item 5A to 6A thus having Brandywine go first and Shell Oil go second. Commission approved unanimously.

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#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A) **Minutes Approval: June 8, 2021**

Commissioner D. Thomas (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to approve, Commissioner Guerra 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed unanimously.

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#### 5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A) **Zone Text Amendment (Text Change) No.187-2021**

Assistant City Attorney Ben Jones gave a presentation. Discussion ensued. Assistant City Attorney recommended that we continue this item to July 27, 2021 to present a draft ordinance to Planning Commission. The commission unanimously agreed with the recommendation.

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#### 6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Planning Manager Betancourt opened the floor for introduction of the newly appointed alternate planning commissioners, Fredrick Docdocil and Richard Hernandez. Commissioner Hernandez gave a brief introduction. Commissioner Docdocil had technical difficulties.

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#### 7. **COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Diaz welcomed both new commissioners. He mentioned that he had a Red Cross blood drive that was successful at the Community Center. He stated that they would be having an additional American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 31 and again in October at the Community Center. He expressed the dire need. He thanked Dianna Boyd and Camelita Pascal for their assistance with this project.

Commissioner Rashad he stated it was a great meeting and ensuring the safety of the city is paramount. He also said happy Juneteenth and Happy Father's day to all the fathers.

Commissioner Huff stated that this was a great meeting. She said that she is concerned for the safety of the residents. She wants to make sure that we step up our process so that we can accomplish more movement ahead. She stated that it is an honor working on this commission.

Commissioner Guerra stated that he is glad that the Director is on this item. He welcomed the new commissioners and stated that it is a pleasure to serve with dedicated commissioners.

Commissioner Thomas stated another great meeting. She welcomed the new commissioners. She thanked staff and commissioners and wished everyone a Happy Juneteenth. She said that there was a great virtual show that was cohosted by the City and as well as Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation. She said that it can be watched on the City website or on YouTube.

Chair Thomas stressed the importance of Juneteenth. He stated he liked the work that we did today to shed light on the businesses in Carson. He asked about more information pertaining to the stipend raise for planning commissioners. He also welcomed the new two alternates.

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## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Chairman

Attest By:

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Secretary



**TUESDAY, July 27, 2021**  
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745  
6:30 p.m., Via Zoom

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: C. Thomas, Diaz, Huff, Montecarlo, Rashad, Guerra, D. Thomas, Docdocil, Hernandez

\*Rashad (Entered at 6:40pm)

Absent: Palmer (Excused Absence)

Alternates: None

Planning Staff: Betancourt, Jones, Sandoval

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#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### A) **Minutes Approval: April 27, 2021**

Commissioner D. Thomas (1<sup>st</sup>) Motion to approve, Commissioner Guerra 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed unanimously.

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#### 5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### A) **Modification No. 2 to Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 991-07.**

Assistant Planner Kaneca Pompey gave a presentation. Commissioner D.Thomas (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Diaz 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

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#### 6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### A) **Zone Text Amendment (Text Change) No. 187-2021 (Referral from City Council)**

Assistant City Attorney Ben Jones gave a presentation. Commissioner D.Thomas (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Diaz 2nd; Motion passed 8-0 vote, one abstain from Commissioner Monteclaro.

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#### 7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### A) **Zone Test Amendment (ZTA) No. 188-2021**

Senior Planner Stefanie Edmundson gave a presentation. Commissioner Diaz (1st) Motion to approve, Commissioner Guerra 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.



## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Planning Manager stated that he would investigate Commissioner Diaz concern about Southern California Edison gate on 220<sup>th</sup> and Ravenna. He mentioned the Relay for Life event that will be held on August 14, 2021 from 10am-4pm.

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## **8. COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner D. Thomas had no comments.

Commissioner Docdocil said thank you for the warm welcome.

Commissioner Hernandez said that he is proud and honored to be a part of a team such as this.

Commissioner Rashad said I think we covered a lot of productive things today. Especially with protecting the residents and businesses in the City of Carson. Great meeting today.

Commissioner Monteclaro is concerned with Item 187-2021 because of the future of the residents for the regulated substances that may affect the City of Carson.

Commissioner Huff she commended staff for taking time to preparing all items that were presented at this Planning Commission Meeting. She stated that the Mayor Lula Davis Holmes is having a Town and Gown Promise Agreement signing on July 28, 2021 at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Commissioner Guerra thanked the staff and the Assistant City Attorney Jones for their work on the presented items. He stated he is proud to serve on this commission

Commissioner Diaz stated that this is a labor of love and that this commission works extremely hard to do right by the City of Carson residents.

Chair Thomas thanked Commissioner Huff on bringing up the Town and Gown promise agreement signing. He stated that the items brought up this evening were extremely significant. He thanked everyone for their participation.

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## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Chairman

Attest By:

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Secretary