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### Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, January 04, 2022

Consent

#### **SUBJECT:**

**CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

#### **I. SUMMARY**

This report provides an informational update to the City Council regarding the recent activities of City Commissions. Most of the City Commission meetings except for the Planning Commission were canceled at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Since that time, some of the Commissions were authorized by the City Council to resume meeting so they could address specific needs pertaining to the Commission's focus area. These included the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission, the Economic Development Commission, and the Women's Issues Commission, all of which have been meeting regularly.

In summer 2021, the City Council directed that all remaining Commissions shall be reactivated on a rolling as-needed basis starting in September 2021 with meetings conducted digitally or in-person based on the preference of the Commissioners. Since then, the Public Works Commission and the Environmental Commission have resumed.

At the Disaster Council meeting on January 10, 2022, Mayor Davis-Holmes called for all Commissions that had not yet resumed meetings to suspend meeting until further notice. This item includes updates on only those Commissions that have been meeting.

## II. RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE and FILE this report.

## III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate and that is consistent with applicable laws.

## IV. BACKGROUND

Updates on recent and planned Commission activities are included below.

### **Economic Development Commission**

After the pandemic-related suspension of meetings, the Economic Development Commission resumed meeting on January 26, 2021 and selected a Chair and Vice-Chairperson. The Commission has discussed and provided input on the City's Business Assistance Program, budget, bike paths, Economic Development Strategy Request for Proposals, and General Plan update. Additionally, they have received presentations from California State University Dominguez Hills and the Carson Chamber of Commerce. Recently, the Commission has formed a Major Task Events Subcommittee to discuss the major events coming to Southern California in the near future that will be substantial economic drivers, such as the Super Bowl, World Cup, and the 2028 Olympics. The Committee will examine what other regions have done leading up to major events to capitalize from a revenue and infrastructure perspectives and make recommendations to the City. The Economic Development Commission most recently received a presentation by RRM Design Group, the selected Economic Development Strategic Plan consultant.

### **Environmental Commission**

A Special Environmental Commission meeting was held on October 28, 2021 via Zoom. The Commission Members and City staff introduced themselves, a Chair and Vice Chair were elected, and staff provided a report on the duties of the commission. Staff also provided an oral update on the City's storm water permit and the new waste ordinance. The Commission also discussed their work plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Environmental Commission will continue to discuss their work plan at a future meeting and provide additional updates to the City Council. The next meeting is on February 2, 2022.

### **Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission resumed regular monthly meeting on

January 27, 2022 following a two month break for winter holidays. The Commission continues to focused on advising community services staff on reopening procedures and protocols as pandemic restrictions have eased. In addition, the Commission has assisted with providing recommendations to the City Council on multiple service and purchasing contracts managed by the community services team. These include the procurement contracts for park amenities and furnishings as well as youth sports leagues related materials and supplies. The Commission also providing stakeholder feedback for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Master Plan during a presentation in January. Community workshops for the study are scheduled to begin in February 2022, pandemic permitting.

### **Planning Commission**

A summary of the recent Planning Commission meetings is provided below.

#### January 11, 2022 Meeting

**1. Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1878-21: APPROVED**

Applicant: MJC Management 3111 Via Mondo Compton, CA 90221

Property Owner: MJC Management 3111 Via Mondo Compton, CA 90221

Request: Consider approval of a Site Plan and Design Review No. 1878-21 for a proposed two-story 1,707 square foot single-family residence on a 46- wide lot

Property Involved: 21719 Grace Avenue

**2. Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element: APPROVED**

Applicant: City of Carson 701 E. Carson Street Carson, CA 90745

Request: Consider Recommending to the City Council adoption of (i) an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and (ii) the 2021-2029 (Sixth Cycle) Housing Element Update (GPA No. 22-01)

#### January 25, 2022 Meeting

**1. Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1802-19, Variance 567-19, 571-21 and 572-21 and 573-22: RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL**

Applicant: Hany Malak, McKently Malak Architects, Inc 35 Hugus Alley, Suite 200 Pasadena, CA 91103

Property Owner: LKL Group, LLC Attn: Phil Kiyokane 5111 Torrance Boulevard Carson, CA 90210

Request: Consider approval of a Site Plan and Design Review No. 1802-19, and Variance Nos. 567-19, 571-21, 572-21, and 573-22 for a proposed 2,562 square foot Rascals

Teriyaki Grill restaurant.

Property Involved: 205 E. Carson Street (7334-020-070)

**2. Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1865-21: CONTINUED**

Applicant: Herman Architecture and Design 16201 Scientific Way Irvine, CA 92618

Property Owner: LIT 9th Street 223rd LLP P.O. Box 3388 Manhattan Beach, 90266

Request: Consider approval of Site Plan and Design Review No. 1865-21 to demolish a former chemical manufacturing facility and associated ancillary structures and construct a new 124,324 square foot tilt-up warehouse building

Property Involved: 2104 E 223rd Street

**Women's Issues Commission**

The Women's Issues Commission resumed meeting in July 2021, did not meet in August 2021, and met in September, October, and November 2021. The initial focus of this Commission was on planning for the 2021 "It's All About Me" Women's Health Conference and Business Expo that occurred in October 2021. Since then, the Commission finalized its remaining work plan items for the 2021 calendar year, which included delivering donations of socks, blankets, and personal amenities to the Heritage Rehabilitation Center.

The Commission held its regular meeting on January 24, 2022, to discuss its current projects. These include finalizing an informational flyer and City webpage with resources for victims of Domestic Violence, planning for future donations to support local women for Mother's Day, collaborating with the Office of Congresswoman Barragán on ways to support women in Carson, and collaborating with California State University, Dominguez Hills in support of women on campus and the broader community.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this report. Recommendations for funding expenditures associated with the Commissions would be brought to the City Council separately and as needed.

**VI. EXHIBITS**

None.

Prepared by: City Manager's Office