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Report to Mayor and City Council

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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.

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

The Economic Development Commission heard and provided feedback regarding the ARPA-funded Small Business Grant and Commercial Façade programs. The EDC also listened to a presentation on the revised Industrial CUP. The Major Task Events Subcommittee continued discussing the major events coming to Southern California that will be substantial economic drivers. They went on a tour of the Doubletree Hotel, Porsche Experience, and Dignity Health Sports Park with the Economic Development Strategic consultant to gather information on public facilities and provided information about ticketed events. The subcommittee also received a proposal for services to form a Tourism Improvement District.

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission last met on November 2, 2022, virtually using the application Microsoft Teams. The Commission received a presentation and update on the Carousel Tract from Deny Gomez, Principal Program Manager for Shell Oil Products US. Mr. Gomez provided information on the site history, site description, timeline, and implementation of the Remedial Action Plan. He explained and shared pictures of the demolition, excavation at 5 feet and at 10 feet, backfill and compaction work, Sub Slab Depressurization systems, Soil Vapor Extraction system components, and restoration work. He shared that the major construction phase was 93% complete, and they are on track to finish all the homes by April 2023. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission completed Ethics Training and Brown Act Training in July, 2022. On August 13, 2022, Commissioners participated in the Back to School Give Away at the KIA Forum, Inglewood, California. The Commission also supported by providing boxes of new clothing and books that were made available to the homeless and less fortunate at no cost. Both the Back to School Give Away, and the books and new clothing give away were successful. On September 21, 2022, A Meet and Greet was conducted between the Human Relations Commission and Captain Jones during their monthly meeting. It was very informative and well received, as Captain Jones provided updates on things that were going on in the city. The Commission supported and participated in Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 23-29, 2022. At this time, the Commission is currently working on the 27th Annual "Why I am a Rising Star Parent Conference/Essay Contest" with continuous planning for the conference, which is scheduled on February 18, 2023. The program consists of an essay writing contest open to students beginning at the 1st grade through high school that live or attend school in the City of Carson. Also, the Commission continues to work in collaboration with California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Compton Community College in efforts of supporting the food pantries. Most recently on the November 15th Council Meeting, the Commission received the Proclamation recognizing November 13-19, 2022 as LA vs Hate - United Against Hate Week for their continued efforts in stopping hate and promoting a safe, inclusive and equitable community in and around Carson.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission resumed regular monthly meetings on January 27, 2022 following a two month break for winter holidays. The Commission continues to focus 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 provided stakeholder feedback for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Master Plan during a presentation to City Council.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission August 1, 2022 (Special Meeting)

1. First Amendment to Development Agreement No. 13-17 - APPROVED

Applicant: CAM-CARSON, LLC

Request: To consider a First Amendment to Development Agreement (First Amendment), between CAM-CARSON, LLC and the City of Carson, which proposes certain changes to the Development Agreement approved on September 6, 2018.

Property Involved: A portion of the 157-acre site generally known as the former Cal Compact Landfill, located at 20400 Main Street Southwest of I-405 and Del Amo Boulevard

Planning Commission August 9, 2022

2. Zone Text Amendment No. 192-2022 - APPROVED

Applicant: N/A

Property Owner: N/A

Request: Initiate, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Recommending to the City Council adoption of, Zone Text Amendment No. 192-2022, a Proposed Ordinance creating a Mobile Home Park Overlay District to Protect, Promote and Preserve Existing Mobile Home Parks

3. Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1703-18 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1019-17 - APPROVED

Applicant: Mobile Mini Inc., 4646 E. Van Buren St., Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Representative: Kimley-Horn & Associates, 765 The City Drive, Suite 200 Orange, CA 92868

Owner: JHD Alameda, LLC 22, Brandt Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

Request: A one-year time extension of Project Approval (DOR No. 1703-18 and CUP No. 1019-17) to renovate an industrial site for an existing cargo container storage facility.

Property Involved: 22632 South Alameda Street

Planning Commission August 30, 2022(Special Meeting)

4. A subsequent draft revision to the City's 6th Cycle (2021- 2029) Housing Element as adopted on February 1, 2022 - APPROVED

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

Request: Recommending to the City Council adoption of: (i) an addendum to the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and (ii) the proposed subsequent draft revision to the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element as adopted on February 1, 2022 (GPA No. 22-01).

Property Involved: Citywide

Planning Commission September 13, 2022

5. Mural Installation - APPROVED

Applicant: Trophy VPC, LLC, 21140 S. Avalon Boulevard, Carson, CA 90745

Owner: Kott Family Trust, Mail Address: PO BOX 5306, Carson CA, 90749

Request: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Conditionally Approving, in part, and Disapproving, in part, an Application of Trophy VPC, LLC for Approval of Two Existing Murals located at 21126 S. Avalon Boulevard (FAB Cars used car dealership) (per Public Hearing conducted July 12, 2022 and August 9, 2022).

Property Involved: 21126 S. Avalon Boulevard

Note: This item was heard by the Planning Commission several times prior to approval. Previous Planning Commission meetings for this item are not included in this report.

6. General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 111-21, Zone Change (ZCC) No. 185-21, Specific Plan (SP) No. 29-22, Development Agreement (DA) No. 27-21, Site Plan Design Review Overlay (DOR) No. 1858 -21 - APPROVED

Applicant: Dylan Westhoff, 21611 Perry Street LLC, 4132 Katella Avenue, #205B, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Owner: Recreation Road LLC, 181 S. 333rd St. #C-210, Federal Way, WA 98003

Request: Consider approval of DOR No. 1858-21 and recommendation of City Council approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Errata and CEQA findings, GPA No. 111-21, ZCC No. 185-21, SP No. 29-22, and DA No. 27-21 for development of a 121,775 square-foot self-storage facility on a vacant parcel.

Property Involved: 21611 Perry Street - APNs 7327-001-014 & 015

Planning Commission September 27, 2022

7. Zone Text Amendment No. 193-2022 - APPROVED

Applicant: N/A

Request: Consider adoption of Resolution No. 22-2840 recommending City Council adoption of Zone Text Amendment No. 193-2022, a Proposed Ordinance Amending the

Carson Zoning Ordinance related to regulation of Industrial Warehousing and Logistics Facilities.

8. Conditional Use Permit No. 1118-22 - APPROVED

Applicant: Arris Studio Architects, c/o Steve Rigor, 1327 Archer Street, Suite 220, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Owner: Carson Hospitality, LLC 7126 De Soto Avenue Canoga Park, CA 91303

Request: Consider approval of a conditional use permit for onsite alcoholic beverage sales and services of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at a lounge and bar within a hotel

Property Involved: 888 E. Dominguez Street (APN 7381025071)

9. Mitigated Negative Declaration/MMRP, General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 109-20, Zone Change (ZCC) No. 184-21, Specific Plan (SP) No. 23-20, Site Plan Design Overlay Review (DOR) No. 1832-20 - APPROVED

Applicant: Sagecrest Planning + Environmental, c/o David Blumenthal, AICP 2400 E. Katella Avenue, Suite 800 Anaheim, CA 92806

Owner: Kim Family Trust, P.O. Box 24, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90214

Request: Consider approval of a proposed 19-unit multiple-family residential development on two vacant parcels.

Property Involved: 21240-21250 Main Street (APNs 7334-002-007 & 008)

Planning Commission October 11, 2022

10. Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold Recommendation - APPROVED

Applicant: N/A

Request: Consider recommending that the City Council adopt "Vehicle Miles Traveled" thresholds of significance for purposes of analyzing transportation impacts under the California Environmental Act (CEQA) and find that the action is exempt from CEQA.

11. Site Plan and Design Review (DOR) No. 1782-19 - APPROVED

Applicant: Mario Jaime of MJ Design Construction, P.O. Box 5044, Long Beach, CA 90805

Owner: Rodney Argo of Argo Family Trust, 439 W. Gardena Blvd., Carson, CA 90248

Request: A one-year time extension of Project Approval (Site Plan and Design Review 1782-19) for the development of a 3,754 square foot warehouse building on a 0.15-acre parcel.

Property Involved: 439 W. Gardena Boulevard

Public Relations Commission

The Public Relations Commission addressed the following topics in the months of August - October: the 21st Anniversary of 9/11 Communication Video; Facebook Messenger 1-page Report; Communication regarding registration information on flyers and Community Services Guide; Q&A with Community Services Director regarding information for Event Ticketing Process for City events; incorporating duties of the Community Civic Engagement Board (former dissolved board); and incorporating duties of the Technology Advancement & Innovation Commission. The Commission is dark for November 22 and December 27 Meetings and will resume in January 2023.

Public Safety Commission

The Public Safety Commission's two main issues they have taken up are:

The Coyote concerns by residents and city response to those concerns. Emphasis was place on education, hazing and mapping reported sightings. Commissioners were requested to help educate the residents in their respective areas and encourage quick reporting of any sightings

In conjunction with the City Traffic Engineer, several complaints from residents were brought to the attention of the commission. The complaints were related to traffic lights, parking or the lack of parking areas, blind spot traffic areas and the possibility of additional permit parking areas. Although the City's Traffic engineer position is vacant, the City Engineer provided answers to the questions posed. Further follow up on several questions will be provided at subsequent meetings beginning in January.

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

The Senior Advisory Commission Meeting met November 14, 2022 and had a quorum. The members spoke and covered preexisting and new business at length. The commission members would like to invite the City of Carson residents to the Winter Wonderland taking place Friday December 2nd from 11am- 3pm. Section update reports were provided by staff: Senior independence support Amanda Valorosi, Senior recreation Rosemary Zavala, and Senior care and support of the stroke center Melody Carter, management Dani Cook and Brenda Reed were also present. Staff introduced Isaias Pulido who also will also be participating in commission meetings as City of Carson Staff. The Senior Advisory Commission meeting will be on break for the month of December (go dark) and the commission voted that the commission will resume in person in January of 2023.

Veterans Affairs Commission

Staff is in the process of preparing the Veterans Affairs Commission to meet, including securing the requisite quorum in order to have a formal meeting.

Women's Issues Commission

The Women's Issues Commission went dark in August 2022 and resumed current and new projects in September 2022. These include collaborating with California State University,

Dominguez Hills CSUDH to support homeless students, women on campus, and the broader community. The Commission attended planning meetings for the 8th Annual "It's All About Me" Women's Health Conference and Business Expo. As a result of the Commissioner's support, several tables were sold. Additionally, the Commissioners served and supported the day of the conference, attended and provided feedback during the wrap-it-up meeting and were present for recognition during the City of Carson Council Meeting on October 25, 2022. Other City of Carson events and activities attended, planned, and supported by members of the Commission include: the 2022 Jazz Festival, Councilmember Cedric L Hicks Sr., 5k Prostate Walk, Red Ribbon Week Activities, Mental Awareness Classes, 55th Anniversary Gala Ball Committee Meetings, and Mayor of Carson Lula Davis-Holmes Turkey Giveaway. In December 2022, the Commission will not meet, but some members will serve and support Mayor Lula-Davis-Holmes Toy Drive. Starting in January 2023, the Commission will resume meetings and discuss and plan for new initiatives and activities for the upcoming year.

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission is currently not able to hold meetings due to a lack of quorum and not having enough commissioners with validated appointments. Only 5 of the 14 commissioners have taken their oaths. Staff has tried numerous times to get in contact with these commissioners by letter and phone but have not received any response. Due to no responses from these commissioners, staff has sent a memo to our Director of Community Services/Parks and Recreation stating we would like to request these commissioners be removed and new commissioners be assigned.

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