

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

July 8, 2019

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: MANLEY (arrived 6:33 p.m.), POWELL,
NIGSARIAN, FERNANDEZ, BERNIER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:

DIR. OF COMM. DEV.: HO
DEP. DIR. OF COMM. DEV.: JARAMILLO
PLANNING MANAGER: RAMSLAND
SENIOR PLANNER: SCHAEFER
PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY: HENDERSON

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The flag salute was led by Commissioner Nigsarian.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair explained the Consent Calendar procedures to the audience. She called attention to the speaker's cards, which were to be filled out by a person wishing to speak on any item before the Commission and to be left on the lectern. She asked if there were any members of the audience or the Commission that wished any of the items removed. There were no requests for any items to be removed.

MOVED BY Commissioner Nigsarian, seconded by Commissioner Manley, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM AS FOLLOW:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of May 13, 2019.

MOVED BY Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice Chair Fernandez, (Commissioner Manley abstained) and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM AS FOLLOW:

- b. Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of June 24, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Consideration of a General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation from Medium Density (9-14 units/ac) to Low Density (0-8 units/ac) for 900, 901, 940, 941, 960 and 961 North Chestnut Street.

Vice Chair Fernandez and Commissioner Manley left the dais due to a possible conflict of interest.

Senior Planner Schaefer presented the staff report to the Commission.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak in favor of the request.

Mr. Arthur Wood, 940 Chestnut Street, La Habra came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Wood stated a letter from several of the residents was submitted earlier for the Commissioners consideration.

Mr. Jesus Vidro, 901 Chestnut Street, La Habra, came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Vidro thanked staff for taking the time with the residents during this process. He expressed that he liked the positive changes that have been occurring in the City. He added that he understands the State is pushing for high density but asked the Commission take their concerns into consideration and maintain their single family neighborhood.

Mr. Robert Vezzuso, 941 Chestnut Street, La Habra, came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Vezzuso asked the Commissioners consider maintaining their neighborhood as is currently zoned.

Ms. Wanda Bennett, 960 Chestnut Street, La Habra came forward to address the Commission. Ms. Bennett stated her family has been in the La Habra area since 1898 and they all loved their community. She expressed concerns with the potential development of high density in this area.

Mr. Joey Martinez, 961 Chestnut Street, La Habra came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Martinez stated all the property owners on this street maintain their property with the exception of Mr. Nguyen property which he stated is a rental and has been in bad conditions for seven years. He added that he has concerns for increased traffic and parking issues if this area was to change..

The Chair then asked for speakers in opposition of the request.

Mr. Tristan Nguyen, 900 Chestnut Street, La Habra representing the applicant/owner came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Nguyen stated the property owner purchased the project when it was part of the County of Orange over ten years ago and had planned to raze the property to build multi-family units. He asked the Commissioners consideration.

There being no further speakers, in favor or in opposition, the Chair closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Moved by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Nigsarian, APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 19-18 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY (9-14 UNITS/AC) TO LOW DENSITY (0-8 UNITS/AC) FOR 900, 901, 940,941, 960 AND 961 NORTH CHESTNUT STREET.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	POWELL, NIGSARIAN, BERNIER
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	FERNANDEZ, MANLEY
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Director Ho stated the Planning Commissioners are invited to the grand opening for Trader Joe's July 18th with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 7:55 a.m. Additionally, that the Orange County American Planning Association is hosting a Leadership on the Dais presentation on Thursday, July 18th 11:00-1:00 p.m. at the Quail Hill Community Center in Irvine and to let him know if they wish to attend.

Planning Manager Ramsland stated there are no items scheduled for July 22nd and asked the Commission to adjourn tonight's meeting to a special meeting Thursday, August 1st.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:53 p.m. Adjourned to August 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen G. Henderson
Planning Commission Secretary