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MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA
PLANNING COMMISSION

February 17, 2021
6:00 PM

1. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

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CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Coachella was called to order at 6:08 p.m. virtually by Chair Soliz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was foregone by Chair Soliz.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Alternate Commissioner Leal, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz.

Absent: None.

At 6:14pm Chair Soliz asked Vice Chair Virgen to lead the meeting and stepped down from his appointment.

Commission welcomed Frank Figueroa to the planning commission as a new commissioner.

Vice Chair Virgen continued to lead the meeting from this point forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“AT THIS TIME THE COMMISSION MAY ANNOUNCE ANY ITEMS BEING PULLED FROM THE AGENDA OR CONTINUED TO ANOTHER DATE OR REQUEST THE MOVING OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA.”

No changes per Luis Lopez.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Planning Commission Minutes January 20th, 2021.

Motion to Approve of the Minutes for the January 20th Planning Commission Meeting

Made by: Commissioner Navarrete.

Seconded by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Sanchez, applicant for one of the items will speak about written communication during the appropriate time per Luis Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

“The public may address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is not on the agenda, but is within the subject matter jurisdiction thereof. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.”

None.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

- Request for an engagement plan for the housing element requested by Commissioner Huazano.
- Discussion regarding focus meetings with the community, website surveys, steering committee formation all items which can/ will be presented to council and then brought back to planning commission per Luis Lopez. Planning commissioners may attend said meetings currently forecasted to be virtual given current pandemic.

NON-HEARING ITEMS:

2. Request for 12-month Time Extension for Conditional Use Permit No. 303 and Architectural Review 18-11 to allow a-new 2,100 square foot retail cannabis business as part of a new 6,900 square foot multi-tenant commercial center located at the northwest corner of Grapefruit Boulevard and 9th Street. *Coachella Green Haus, Applicant.*

-Coachella Greenhaus slide show presented by Luis Lopez, Director of Development Services.

- Luis Lopez advised grading for future construction began week of the 9th of February.

-Commissioner Gonzalez advised the City needed to consider this allowance of a time extension and advised there was already one abandoned hotel project in the city.

- Luis Lopez advised that City Council did approve a 6 month time extension.

- Applicant Bill Sanchez that council did include a sunset clause in their approval of the time extension.

Motion to Approve Item 2. Request for 12-month Time Extension for Conditional Use Permit No. 303 and Architectural Review 18-11 to allow a-new 2,100 square foot retail cannabis business as part of a new 6,900 square foot multi-tenant commercial center located at the northwest corner of Grapefruit Boulevard and 9th Street. *Coachella Green Haus, Applicant.*

Made by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Navarrete.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Figueroa, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

3. Review of Public Art - Desert Tree Sculpture Installation at 810 Vine Street.

Presentation slide show by Gabriel Martin, Economic Development Director.

- Vice Chair Virgen asked about the application process that took place for the art pieces being presented at this meeting.

- Applicant Jimmy-Guadalupe Meza spoke about piece and artist.

- Commissioner Gonzalez recommended adding lights.

- Luis Lopez spoke about Art in Public Places.

Motion to Approve Item 3. Review of Public Art - Desert Tree Sculpture Installation at 810 Vine Street.

Made by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Figueroa.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Figueroa, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

4. 3-D Wall Art Mural Installation at 810 Vine Street.

Presentation slide show by Gabriel Martin, Economic Development Director.

Discussion about artist and the art installation.

Motion to Approve Item 4. Review of Public Art - 3-D Wall Art Mural Installation at 810 Vine Street.

Made by: Commissioner Huazano.

Seconded by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Figueroa, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

5. Mujeres Murals Art Exhibition Installation at 1515 6th Street.

Presentation slide show by Gabriel Martin, Economic Development Director.

Discussion with artist Clarissa Cervantes about the art piece and the type of work being done in the Valley, new installation to go in front of what is now the office for Alianza (Non-profit).

Commissioner Huazano asked if it would be a conflict for her to vote on this item. Attorney at this virtual meeting, Bob Hargreaves advised no.

Motion to Approve Item 5. Mujeres Murals Art Exhibition Installation at 1515 6th Street. With the added recommendation of allocating \$1000 not \$500 to this project.

Made by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Figueroa.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Figueroa, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

6. Angel of The Valley Art Mural Installation.

Presentation slide show by Gabriel Martin, Economic Development Director.
This piece shall be protected with anti-graffiti protectant per Mr. Martin.

Public Comment made by Jimmy Meza during this item to advise more funds needed touchups pending for Item 3. Tree sculpture.

Vice Chair Virgen advised all to continue with item 6. And then could address Item 3. Again.

Motion to Approve Item 6. Angel of The Valley Art Mural Installation.

Made by: Commissioner Figueroa.

Seconded by: Commissioner Vice Chair Virgen.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Figueroa, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

None.

INFORMATIONAL:

Study Session last wed. on additional dwelling units, Luis Lopez advised there was not enough time to go through ADU presentation as LLMD presentation took up most the time. Will be rescheduled for a later date.

There will be 2 planning commission meetings in March.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by Vice Chair Virgen.

Respectfully Submitted,



Yesenia Becerril
Planning Secretary

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