



CITY of ESCONDIDO

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

WELCOME TO YOUR COMMISSION MEETING

We welcome your interest and involvement in the legislative process of Escondido. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Commission.

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Rick Paul

VICE CHAIR

Katharine Barba

COMMISSIONERS

David Barber

Judy Fitzgerald

Carrie Mecaro

Barry Speer

Stan Weiler

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In Person



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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Judy Fitzgerald.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Rick Paul, Chair; Katharine Barba, Vice-Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner

Commissioner Absent: Barry Speer, Commissioner

City Staff Present: Adam Finestone, City Planner; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Veronica Morones, Principal Planner; Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 6, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Barber; Second: Vice-Chair Barba.

Motion carried (4-0) to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Paul, Barba, Barber, and Weiler. Abstain: Fitzgerald, and Mecaro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Barber; Second: Commissioner Weiler.

Motion carried (4-0) to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Paul, Barber, Fitzgerald, and Weiler. Abstain: Barba, and Mecaro.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. 2022 General Plan Amendment Update: Draft Environmental Justice Policies and Final Draft Environmental Justice Communities



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REQUEST: Provide feedback on the final draft environmental justice communities and direction on environmental justice policy development.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: This item is not a “project,” as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b).

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Hunter, Joe Houde, and Erika Carter spoke in favor of the Environmental Justice Element. Patricia Borchmann, Ron Askeland, Joanne Tenney, Cathy Haven, Chris Nava, Rachel Oporto, and the Sierra Club of North County submitted written comments in favor of the Environmental Justice Element.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the Environmental Justice Element, including: current and previous City outreach efforts, food and housing concerns, and the data provided by staff included within the Environmental Justice Element.

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

2. San Diego Master Plan for Senior Centers

REQUEST: Discuss San Diego Master Plan for Senior Centers

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: This item is not a “project,” as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b).

APPLICANT: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: None.

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.



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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

None.

CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:

City Planner Finestone provided information related to the upcoming August 22, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Adam Finestone, Secretary to the Escondido
Planning Commission

Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk