

**MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – July 12, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission/Subdivision Committee met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Vice Chair Loe presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, Commissioner Zellmer participated via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Vice Chair Loe
Culity, Grose, Sofelkanik, and Zellmer

Absent: Chair DeBolt and Andrade

Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Tom Oliver, Associate Planner
Maria Veronica Enciso, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Loe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Loe opened the meeting for Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.

There being no speakers, Vice Chair Loe closed the Oral Communications

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Planning Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

Motion/Second: Culity/Zellmer

Carried 4/0 (DeBolt and Andrade Absent, Grose Abstained): The Planning Commission approved the following Consent Calendar Item:

- A. Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of May 25, 2022 and Special Meeting of June 22, 2022**

B. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings

For the Planning Commission to continue to have the option to meet via teleconference during the pandemic, AB 361 requires the Planning Commission to make specific findings at least every thirty (30) days.

Recommendation:

Make the following findings by a majority vote of the Planning Commission:

1. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues to be in effect; and,
2. The Planning Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
3. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Consideration of a Resolution of Recommendation to the City Council for Adoption of a Negative Declaration Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Approval of a Draft Comprehensive Update of the City's Housing Element for the Reporting Period of 2021-2029 (GPA 21-01)

Development Services Director Noda asked to continue the item to the next regular Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Sofelkanik asked if he can comment on the item. City Attorney Daudt confirmed that he can provide comments and will open the public comment should anyone want to provide a testimony.

Commissioner Sofelkanik referred to page 121 of the Housing Element draft. He shared that he hoped there would not be a blanket density equation for the whole City. He also referred to the chart that referenced the Civic Center and questions why there would be housing in the area.

Vice Chair Loe opened the Public Comment.

Resident Mamie Wong expressed some interest in finding out property developments around the City. She asked the following:

- If the City is actively courting a large company that could act as another attractive partner to make the City even more revitalized

- The mixed-use retail residential outside of the area north of Katella Avenue, what other areas are being considered
- The issue of single-family areas potentially having additional units to their homes

Development Services Director Noda offered Mamie Wong to contact him regarding her questions.

Associate Planner Oliver shared that the Housing Element draft is available online.

Vice Chair Loe added that the Planning Commission does encourage the public to attend the meeting.

Motion/Second: Grose/Sofelkanik

Carried 5/0 (DeBolt and Andrade absent): The Planning Commission agreed to adjourn the item to the regular Planning Commission meeting on July 27, 2022.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Associate Planner Oliver shared upcoming items that will be brought to the Planning Commission.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chair Loe mentioned the City's Dumpster Event on July 16.

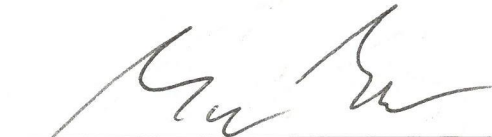
Commissioner Grose mentioned the City's Concert Series on Pine Street.

Commissioner Cuijly shared that she will not be at the next Planning Commission meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:


Gary Loe, Vice Chair



Ron Noda, Development Services Director

