



**PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA 92683
January 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

1. PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL: 6:31 p.m.

ANDERSON, BUI, HAMADE, POWER, WOLBERT

PRESENT: BUI, HAMADE, ANDERSON, POWER, WOLBERT
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Ratkay, Planning Manager; Sandie Kim, Associate Planner; Russell Miyahira, Assistant City Attorney; Memnon Torio, Assistant. Planner; Michael Son, Housing Specialist.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chair Bui led the salute to the flag.

3. ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Bui spoke on his year serving as Chair.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Power, to nominate Commissioner Wolbert to serve as the incoming Chair.

The motion carried, 3-2-0-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: ANDERSON, POWER, WOLBERT
NOES: BUI, HAMADE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Following the roll call vote, Commissioner Power suggested that Commissioner Bui continue to serve in the Chair role for the duration of this meeting and have incoming Chair Wolbert take on the Chair role in the upcoming meeting.

Chair Wolbert thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Power, to nominate Commissioner Anderson to serve as the incoming Vice Chair.

Before the roll call vote, Planning Manager Ratkay asked Commissioner Bui if he had a nomination as he was attempting to speak during the original motion.

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Bui, to nominate Vice Chair Hamade to serve another term as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Hamade expressed his confusion on self-nominations for the two positions.

Planning Manager Ratkay responded.

With no second, the substitute motion failed.

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The motion carried, 3-2-0-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: ANDERSON, POWER, WOLBERT
NOES: BUI, HAMADE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Following the roll call vote, Commissioner Power acknowledged outgoing Chair Bui and outgoing Vice Chair Hamade for their hard work while serving the Commission in such capacities.

Commissioner Bui expressed recognition of the Commission for their support during his year serving as Chair and thanked the Commission for moving forward.

Chair Wolbert asked Commissioner Bui to continue to Chair the meeting and that the switch would occur at the next regular meeting.

4. REPORT FROM PLANNING SECRETARY ON LATE COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Planning Manager Ratkay noted that there were no late communications received for this meeting.

5. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no ex parte communications heard.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Overview of how the Housing Accountability Act ("HAA"), also known as the "Anti-NIMBY" law has effectively curbed and limited the capability of local governments to deny, reduce the density for, or render the infeasibility of housing development projects. (Government Code Section 65589.5.)

Planning Manager Ratkay opened the item.

Assistant City Attorney Miyahira provided an overview on the item.

Following the presentation, Vice Chair Anderson thanked Assistant City Attorney Miyahira for the informative presentation and made comments.

Discussion ensued regarding immediate adverse impacts related to residential projects.

Commissioner Bui commented on low-income housing.

Planning Manager Ratkay responded and provided clarification.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no member of the public who wished to address the Commission.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

10. REGULAR BUSINESS - None

11. REPORTS - None

12. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Ratkay thanked the staff present who assisted with the preparation of the meeting, thanked the commissioners for their service, recognized the outgoing Chair Bui and Vice-Chair Hamade and congratulated Chair Wolbert and Vice Chair Anderson on their recent appointments.

In closing, Planning Manager Ratkay announced the recent passing of Nancy Wright, Retiree.

Commissioner Bui asked for a moment of silence in Nancy's honor.

Commissioner Power asked if the meeting could be adjourned in her memory.

13. MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS WHEN REQUIRED

Vice Chair Anderson remembered interactions with retiree Nancy Wright and sent his condolences to the family.

13.1 Request made by Commissioner Anderson directing staff to inform the Planning Commission of pending state planning related legislation that may impact the community so that the Planning Commission may offer its recommendation to the City Council.


Planning Manager Ratkay commented on the item.

13. ADJOURNMENT

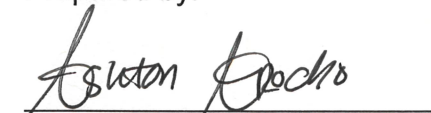
The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.


K.C. Wolbert
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:


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City Clerk

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