

July 7, 2021

THE WALNUT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

A regular Meeting of the Walnut City Planning Commission (PC) was held on the above-referenced date. Vice-Chairperson Fernandez called the Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Fernandez

ROLL CALL: Commissioner(s): Fernandez, Perez, Sam, Wang

ABSENT: Commissioner Dy

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager – Development Services Tom Weiner; City Planner Justin Carlson; Assistant City Attorney David Mann; City Engineer Dave Gilbertson; Senior Planner Chris Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Joelle Guerra; Assistant Planner Corinne Munoz; Community Development Technician Gabriel Katigbak.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY:

VC/Fernandez presented information regarding the California State Department of Health Services' guidance and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Order for the control of COVID-19. Additionally, VC/Fernandez informed all attendees of the necessary procedures to be taken when submitting comments.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

VC/Fernandez opened Oral Communications for Public Comment(s).

Former PC/Tony Koo thanked the Commission and Staff for allowing him to serve as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Walnut.

The Commission thanked Tony Koo for his service as a Commissioner.

VC/Fernandez closed Oral Communications for Public Comment(s).

PLANNING COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:

1. Planning Commission Reorganization 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission make nominations and elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve through June 2022.

Planning Commission Reorganization:

ACA/Mann opened the nominations for Chairperson of the PC.

PC/Perez nominated VC/Fernandez for Chairperson. ACA/Mann moved to close nominations. Without objection motion passed 4-0.

C/Fernandez opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. PC/Wang nominated PC/Perez for Vice-Chairperson. Without objection motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. June 2, 2021 (Regular Meeting Minutes).

MOTION ON ITEM 2

VC/Perez moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled PC Meeting of June 2, 2021. PC/Wang seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Fernandez, Perez, Sam, Wang
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Dy

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

None Scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

None Scheduled.

DICUSSION/TRANSACTION:

None Scheduled.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- ACM/Weiner noted future Items to be presented to the PC.
- VC/Perez inquired about the City Council's (CC) decision to deny the Brookside Project.
- ACM/Weiner noted that that the Brookside Project will be presented with Findings for the Denial at the forthcoming CC Meeting.
- The Commission and Staff discussed the appeal process for the CC's decision on the Brookside Project.
- C/Fernandez asked if outdoor dining, specifically Native Fields, will become a permanent alternative for dining.

- ACM/Weiner and SMA/Guerra explained that Staff is in the process of presenting an Amendment to the current Ordinance in order to allow a one-year extension (per the Council's direction) for outdoor dining/seating, with consideration of a permanent solution in the year of 2022, when the extension is set to expire.
- The Commission and Staff further discussed outdoor dining within the City.
- The Commission welcomed Stephen Sam as a Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT:

This Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next Planning Commission Meeting is set for a regular Meeting on Wednesday August 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., via teleconference. The Agenda will be posted on the City's website and at City related public facilities, including Walnut City Hall (21201 La Puente Road).

Passed and Approved on this 4th day of August 4, 2021.

Chairperson, Mark Fernandez

Tom Weiner, Assistant City Manager – Development Services