

July 20, 2022

THE WALNUT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

**All Commissioners sworn into office.**

A regular meeting of the Walnut City Planning Commission (PC) was held on the above-referenced date. Chairperson Fernandez called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner: Sam

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Community Development Director Chris Vasquez; Deputy City Attorney David Mann; Senior Management Analyst Joelle Guerra; Assistant Planner Corinne Muñoz; Assistant Planner Gabriel Katigbak; Planning Intern Michael Lackmann; Community Development Intern Victor Mireles

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY:**

**C/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.**

**C/Fernandez informed all attendees of the necessary procedures to be taken when submitting comments.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:**

**1. Planning Commission Reorganization 2022-2023**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission make nominations and elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve through June, 2023.

**Planning Commission Reorganization:**

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

**C/Fernandez nominated VC/Perez for Chairperson. ACA/Mann moved to close nominations. Without objection motion passed 5-0.**

**C/Perez opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. PC/Fernandez nominated PC/Dy for Vice-Chairperson. Without objection motion passed 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**2. June 1, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes).**

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

**PC/Fernandez moved to approve the Minutes of the regularly scheduled PC Meeting of June 1, 2022. VC/Dy seconded.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2022-002:** A request to provide therapy services to children at an existing business ("Empowered for Life") located at 18800 Amar Road (Unit B5/B6) (APN: 8735-026-056).

AP/Muñoz presented the Staff Report.

**C/Perez opened the Item for Public Comment(s).**

Applicant/Dr. Vasu thanked the PC and presented his business.

C/Perez and VC/Dy asked the applicant how long the business has been operating in Walnut.

AP/Munoz clarified that the business has been operating since January, 2022 with no children on-site. AP/Munoz further explained that the application for the CUP is to allow for children to start visiting the facility.

The Commission and Applicant discussed the services provided to include speech and occupational therapy.

**C/Perez closed the Item for Public Comment(s).**

**MOTION ON ITEM 3**

**C/Perez moved to adopt PC Resolution No. 22-04 approving CUP 2022-002, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval. PC/Fernandez seconded.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Motion passed 5-0**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None Scheduled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None Scheduled.

**DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION(S):**

None Scheduled.

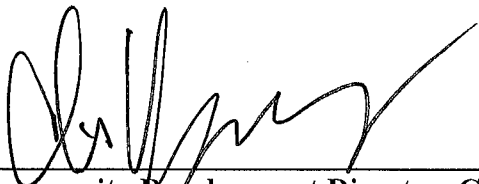
**REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

- CDD/Vasquez congratulated the Commissioners on their appointment and thanked them for their patience.
- CDD/Vasquez briefly provided an update on the La Puente Road and Grand Avenue project, located behind the Panda Express parking lot, which is currently in the Environmental Review process. Staff anticipates that the timeframe for this project to be presented before the Planning Commission will be within a year.
- CDD/Vasquez noted that the Brookside Project is also in the Environmental Review process. CDD/Vasquez apprised the Planning Commission of the scoping meeting that will be scheduled in August, or within the upcoming week(s), and also noted that the Public Hearing is anticipated to be held toward the end of the year, or early next year.
- CDD/Vasquez reported that the Terraces Project is currently in the grading process, and may seek Entitlements to allow for a gated community.
- CDD/Vasquez noted that digital submittals are going to be accepted and the process to begin accepting has been slightly delayed to August.
- VC/Dy requested clarification on the retaining walls for the Terraces in regards to the vegetation/plants.
- PCM/Guerra noted that the plants that are seen from the retaining walls are not part of the approved plans. PCM/Guerra further explained that the plans are under review by the City's Third Party Landscape Consultant, and the walls will be completed in phases, to include the landscaping.
- PC/Wang introduced himself and is welcomed by the Commission.

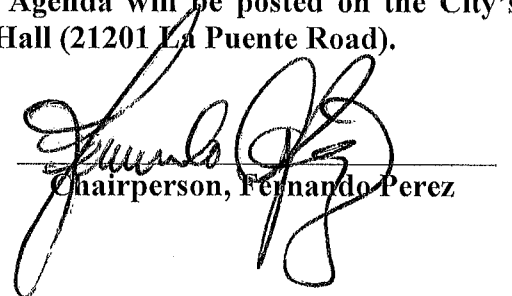
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**This Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The next Planning Commission Meeting is set for a regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., via in-person. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022



Community Development Director, Chris Vasquez



Chairperson, Fernando Perez