

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

OCTOBER 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Richard Cline at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Richard Cline
Vice Chairman Philip Massey
Commissioner Lee Olsen

Absent:

Commissioner Michael Saenz

Staff:

Gabriel Bautista, Community Development Director
Eric Garcia, Senior Planner
Mark Stowell, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Yolanda Recio, Department Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Vice Chairman Massey moved, and Commissioner Olsen seconded to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, Planning Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Cline, Vice Chairman Massey, Commissioner Olsen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Saenz

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

**2. PLANNING CASE – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE (GPC) NO. 2022-01:
Planning Commission consideration of a resolution finding that the Orange County Loop, Segment P Coyote Creek Bikeway Project is in conformance with**

the City of La Mirada General Plan, as required under California Government Code Section 65402.

Community Development Director Gabriel Bautista stated that the item being discussed is Planning Commission consideration of a resolution finding that the Orange County Loop, Segment P Coyote Creek Bikeway Project is in conformance with the City of La Mirada General Plan, as required under California Government Code Section 65402. He stated that the item would be presented by Mr. Mark Stowell, Public Works Director/City Engineer. He further stated that additional map graphics have been provided to commissioners this evening for reference.

Mr. Stowell stated that Orange County has a regional bike trail that is 66-miles long as indicated on the graphics provided. He stated that over the years they have been working on closing the gaps in the loop, and that they have contacted the City regarding a very small portion of the loop that runs through the City of La Mirada. He added that, this portion of the loop is one of the most complex pieces that they needed to finish. He indicated that it enters the City near Artesia Boulevard along the Coyote Creek channel. He also stated that the loop will utilize the existing maintenance road which will become part of the bike trail. He further stated that it is going to go over the railroad tracks, under the freeway, under north Firestone Boulevard, then out across Knott Avenue, back to the City of Buena Park and then continue from there. He stated that as part of the existing agreement, they have requested the City of La Mirada make a determination, as required under Government Code Section 65402, that the project is in conformance with the General Plan. The determination will provide them confidence to move forward with their multi-million-dollar project that is currently being developed.

Mr. Stowell concluded by stating that he can respond to any questions.

Vice-Chairman Massey referred to the graphics provided and asked for clarification on exact area being considered.

Mr. Stowell responded and pointed out the small segment that traverses through the City boundaries reference as Segment P.

Chairman Cline asked Mr. Bautista if we are just looking for conformance to the general plan to see if it satisfies land use, open space, and things of that nature.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated we are looking for conformance with the general goals and objectives of the general plan to ensure it does not conflict with any of those general policies.

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Cline requested a motion.

Commissioner Olsen moved and Vice Chairman Massey seconded to adopt Resolution No. P-06-22 finding that the Orange County Loop, Segment P Coyote Creek Bikeway Project is in conformance with the City of La Mirada General Plan.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Cline, Vice Chairman Massey, Commissioner Olsen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Saenz
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cline stated and reiterated that in a couple of weeks they will be having the Salute to Veterans at the La Mirada Theatre and invites everyone to attend. He stated it was going to be a good year as they will be having a car show for the first time, and recruiters from the Army, the US Space Force, and the Marine Corps will be presenting exhibits. He also stated that the Marine Corps Mechanized Museum and the MCRD museum will have exhibits there as well as all the local veterans. He stated that this event will be held on November 7, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bautista stated that he wished to advise the commission that David Michael Morfin was appointed by Councilmember Andrew Sarega to the Planning Commission, and further stated that Mr. Morfin still needs to take his oath as a commissioner which is why his name did not appear on the agenda. He added that Mr. Morfin should be on the dais at the next meeting making the commission once again fully appointed with five members.

Mr. Bautista also stated that the recruitment for the new Community Development Director is moving right along so, and that the new director should be in place by the December meeting.

Commissioner Olsen asked if there will be a meeting for the month of November being that we will not have a director.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that there will be a meeting for the month of November even though there will not be a director.

Commissioner Olsen asked if Eric Garcia will be sitting in.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that Mr. Garcia will run the November meeting.

Commissioner Cline asked Mr. Bautista if he was going to be involved in a handoff or is Mr. Garcia going to do those duties.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that he will be back as needed when the new director comes on board to show him around, introduce him to staff, review how things work in La Mirada and to go over the various planning documents that we have, et cetera.

Mr. Bautista stated that there is an item tentatively scheduled for the next meeting that will involve a property located on Valley View Avenue.

Commissioner Cline asked if that is the one just south of the I-5.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that the property is south of the I-5 Freeway, currently occupied by the Ahern Rentals facility.

Commissioner Massey asked about the estimated completion date for the street improvements on Rosecrans Avenue and Valley View Avenue .

Mr. Stowell responded and stated that they are wrapping up now, but that they are running later than expected. He stated that they are paving a big hole in the pavement on the Pep Boys corner soon, but that the materials need to set for at least five days. He further stated that over the next few days they are going to be stripping, so it should not be too much longer. He added that he really wants to get the turning lanes open at that intersection. He further stated that the City of Santa Fe Springs and Metro are running the project. He noted that the project's funding came from the I-605 widening project.

Commissioner Cline inquired about the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard intersection where there was a court case regarding the acquisition of 100 square feet of private property.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that the City has come to terms with the property owner, and that there is an agreement in place for the acquisition of the sliver of land that is needed for the public right-of-way improvements. He further stated that there is one particular item, a Development Agreement, that staff needs to process, and, hopefully, that will not hold up the City's ability to take control of that sliver of land because the processing of a Development Agreement will take time, and will not be ready for Planning Commission review until January or February of next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chairman Cline adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Submitted:



Yolanda Recio, Secretary

Attest:



Richard Cline, Chairman