

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

**APRIL 20, 2023**

**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  
Commissioner Michael Saenz  
Commissioner David Michael Morfin

Staff:

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director  
Eric Garcia, Senior Planner  
Yolanda Recio, Department Secretary  
D. Craig Fox, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**Commissioner Olsen moved, and Commissioner Saenz seconded to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Chairman Cline, Vice Chairman Massey, Commissioner Olsen,  
Commissioner Saenz, Commissioner Morfin**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. PLANNING CASE – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE (GPC) NO. 2023-01:  
Planning Commission consideration of a resolution finding that a grant and conveyance of an easement to Southern California Gas Company for a gas line**

**and appurtenances is in conformance with the City of La Mirada General Plan, as required under California Government code Section 65402.**

Chairman Cline introduced the item and requested staff's report.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director, introduced Mark Stowell, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, and said that he would be presenting the item before the Planning Commission for the proposed agenda item.

Mr. Stowell presented the General Plan Conformance (GPC) No. 2023-01 to the Commission.

Mr. Stowell concluded his report, recommending the Planning Commission adopt Resolution No. P-03-23 finding that a grant and conveyance of an easement to Southern California Gas Company for a gas line and appurtenances is in conformance with the La Mirada General Plan as required by California Government code Sections 65402.

There being no objection, Chairman Cline requested a motion on the item.

**Commissioner Olsen moved, and Vice Chairman Massey seconded to adopt Resolution No. P-03-23 finding that the granting and conveyance of an easement to Southern California Gas Company for a gas line and appurtenances 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, Commissioner Saenz, Commissioner Morfin**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 3. CERTIFICATE OF COMPATIBILITY NO. 63, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 334 AND VARIANCE NO. 170: Planning Commission consideration of Resolution No. P-02-23 recommending to the City Council the approval for the above listed applications to raze the existing 50,997 sq. ft. industrial building and construct a new 26,400 sq. ft. commercial building ("Project") at 14447 Firestone Boulevard within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning District and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines pursuant to Section 15302 of the CEQA guidelines.**

Chairman Cline introduced the item and requested staff's report.

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director, provided a review of the staff report for Certificate of Compatibility No. 63, Conditional Use Permit No. 334 and Variance No. 170 via a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Muñoz concluded his presentation, recommending the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing, affirm the Categorical Exemption, and adopt Resolution No. P-02-23 recommending City Council approval of Certificate No. 63, Conditional Use Permit No. 334 and Variance No. 170 to allow for the construction of a new commercial building at 14447 Firestone Boulevard within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning.

Mr. Muñoz noted that an amendment was made to the Conditions of Approval on numbers 31 and 38 to strike out the last sentence on both conditions and said the corrections have been provided to the Commission, Applicant, and the public. He also said that the initial public notice that was published had the incorrect number for the Certificate of Compatibility showing it to be number 66 and that the correct number for the Certificate of Compatibility is number 63 which was corrected on the Agenda and all the corresponding documents.

Chairman Cline opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the project.

Mr. Stephane Wandel from The Orden Company, representing Blackburg, Inc., the Applicant, spoke in favor of the item.

Mr. Jim Zaunick, Director of Engineering for 84 Lumber, spoke in favor of the item.

Chairman Cline asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition.

No one spoke.

The commission discussed the project and had questions regarding Conditions of Approval, item number 38 building size and variance.

Chairman Cline closed the public hearing and requested a motion on the item.

**Commissioner Saenz moved and Vice Chairman Massey seconded to affirm the CEQA exemption and adopt Resolution No P-02-23 recommending that the City Council approve Certificate of Compatibility No. 63, Conditional Use Permit No. 334 and Variance No. 170 to raze the existing 50,997 sq. ft. industrial building and construct a new 26,400 sq. ft. commercial building at 14447 Firestone Boulevard within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) Zoning District.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Chairman Cline, Vice Chairman Massey, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Saenz, Commissioner Morfin**

**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Saenz announced that last night's meeting for the Housing Element was very informative.

Commissioner Olsen announced that the La Mirada Prayer Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, La Mirada located at 14299 Firestone Boulevard.

Chairman Cline announced that he attended the Easter Egg Hunt that was held, and that he stopped by and visited the La Mirada Housing For All booth. He looks forward to the prayer breakfast. He also announced that the next event coming up will be the Memorial Day event for the veterans at the Olive Lawn on May 29, 2023, at 10 a.m.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Muñoz, Community Development Director, gave the following announcements:

- Housing Element update – The next La Mirada Housing For All pop-up event will be at the city's Farmers Market on May 6, 2023 showcasing the different housing types and also ordered Housing For All swag to continue the educational aspect on housing
- We had our special meeting yesterday, April 19, 2023 with City Council and Planning Commission continuing the discussion on the Housing Element

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chairman Cline adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Submitted:

  
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Yolanda Recio  
Department Secretary

Attest:

  
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Richard Cline, Chairman