

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

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Philip Massey 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 Philip Massey
Vice Chairman David Michael Morfin
Commissioner Lee Olsen
Commissioner Michael Saenz
Commissioner Richard Cline

Staff:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2023

Commissioner Olsen moved, and Vice Chairman Morfin seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2. GENERAL AMENDMENT PLAN NO. 2023-1 – The City of La Mirada Planning Commission will consider a resolution recommending to the City Council a re-adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and adopt a Negative**

Declaration per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15074 of the CEQA guidelines subject to minor modifications required by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This item was previously approved by the Planning Commission on November 16, 2023.

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

Manuel Muñoz, Community Development Director, presented the re-adoption of the Housing Element Update 6th Cycle from 2021-2029.

Commissioner Olsen asked which eight sites, and why they did not qualify.

Mr. Muñoz responded that from HCD's analysis on their last go-around, the projections did not meet the minimum 16-unit requirement for those sites, and as far as the eight of them, they are on page B-14 on B.3.6 Rezone Sites to Accommodate Shortfall Table. He stated that overall, these sites do not line up directly with the RHNA strategies, but they will still be rezoned in case of the possibility for the city to make changes in the future.

Commissioner Olsen asked what their deficiency was.

Mr. Muñoz responded that the lot is too small to accommodate 16 units.

Mr. Muñoz stated that we still have well over the required number and a good buffer, but we still want to keep them within the rezone program to have flexibility in the future.

Chairman Massey inquired about the comments that were received from the City of Fullerton, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation, and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts mentioned in staff's report under Environmental Assessment.

Mr. Muñoz stated that the comments we have are from the first notice of adoption, and further stated that no comments were received from the second notice that was sent out for re-adoption.

Chairman Massey opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

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

Commissioner Saenz moved, and Commissioner Cline seconded to re-adopt Resolution No. P-01-24 and that the City Council approve General Plan Amendment (General Plan Amendment No. 2023-1), and a Negative Declaration for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update of the City of La Mirada General Plan.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Morfin commended city staff and consultants for all the work they have done on this project.

Chairman Massey seconded what Vice Chairman Morfin said.

Commissioner Saenz stated that city staff has done an amazing job working on this project.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Muñoz stated that staff is currently working on the implementation of the Housing Element and noted that we will be awarding the Professional Services Agreement for the Objective Design Standards on February 27, 2024, and stated that we are taking a very aggressive timeline to get this project done by the end of September to align with the Local Early Action Plant (LEAP) Grant that we received from the state. He also stated that the Objective Design Standards will be a tool to implement the Housing Element and that this document will encourage good design for the community to improve the quality of life, curb appeal, and pride of ownership and will produce quality design that will mitigate privacy issues and overall better designs.

Mr. Muñoz also stated that the other project that is currently being worked on by our Assistant Planner, Noah Cisneros, is the ADU SB 9 ordinances which will be coming to the Commission as a study session item.


Mr. Muñoz answered questions from the commission on the following topics: Objective Design Standards, walls, upcoming restaurant openings, Dutch Bros., Warmington project, and 84 Lumber.

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February 15, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

Submitted:



Yolanda Recio, Secretary

Attest:



Philip Massey, Chairman