

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

April 22, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Council Chamber

22 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA



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CALL TO ORDER**Commissioners:**

**Bao Pham, Chair
Manuel Escamilla
Christopher Leo
Carl Benninger
Jennifer Oliva
Isuri S. Ramos
Alan Woo**

**Executive Director
Chief Asst. City Attorney
Planning Manager
Recording Secretary**

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Nuvia Ocampo**

ROLL CALL

Minutes: *Quorum was reached at 5:33 p.m. with Commissioner Escamilla arriving at 5:34 p.m.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Minutes: *Resident, Pieter Berger, spoke in support of the Related Bristol Specific Plan. Resident, Irma Jauregui, spoke in support of the Related Bristol Specific Plan.*

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**a. Minutes**

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes from April 8, 2024.

b. Excused Absences

Recommended Action: Excuse absent commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Benninger, seconded by Commissioner Leo to Approve Consent Calendar items.

YES: 7 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Christopher Leo, Manuel J. Escamilla, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 0 – **Status:** 7 – 0 – 0 – 0 – **Pass**

****End of Consent Calendar****

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Public Hearing: *The Planning Commission decision on Conditional Use Permits, Variances, Tentative Tract and Parcel Maps, Minor Exceptions, Site Plan Review, and Public Convenience or Necessity Determinations are final unless appealed within 10 days of the decision by any interested party or group (refer to the Basic Meeting Information page for more information). The Planning Commission recommendation on Zoning and General Plan amendments, Development Agreements, Specific Developments, and Specific Plans will be forwarded to the City Council for final determination. Legal notice was published in the OC Reporter on April 11, 2024, and notices were mailed on said date.*

1. GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Environmental Impact: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this action is categorically exempt from further review per Section 15306 (Class 6 – Information Collection) of the CEQA Guidelines. This exemption consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action, which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt a resolution finding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consistent with the General Plan.

Minutes: *Commission had questions for staff.*

Staff from Public Works answered questions from Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Leo, seconded by Commissioner Benninger to Approve.

YES: 7 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Christopher Leo, Manuel J. Escamilla, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

NO: 0 – ABSTAIN: 0 – ABSENT: 0 – Status: 7 – 0 – 0 – 0 – Pass

2. SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 2023-03 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 521 SOUTH FLOWER STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE HENINGER PARK SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT NO. 40 (SD-40) ZONING DISTRICT

Project Applicant: Johnny Gutierrez (Applicant) representing Fidelity Management & Construction Inc. (Property Owner)

Proposed Project: Applicant is requesting approval of Site Plan Review No. 2023-03 to allow a major residential addition consisting of 354 square feet at the building's rear for a new second bathroom and office, full interior remodel, and exterior alterations to an existing single-family home, and demolition of a 292 square foot detached garage to accommodate a new accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Environmental Impact: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, this project is exempt from further review pursuant to Class I Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines. A Categorical Exemption, ER No. 2024-12 will be filed for this project.

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt a resolution approving Site Plan Review No. 2023-03 as conditioned.

Minutes: *Commission had questions for staff.*

Staff answered questions from Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Escamilla, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to Approved as amended.

YES: 7 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Christopher Leo, Manuel J. Escamilla, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

NO: 0 – ABSTAIN: 0 – ABSENT: 0 – Status: 7 – 0 – 0 – 0 – Pass

****End of Business Calendar****

STAFF COMMENTS

Legacy Square 2024 Orange County Affordable Housing Awards Project of the Year Award

Minutes: *Staff had comments for Commission.*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Minutes: *Commission had comments for staff.*

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on May 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers located at 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Minutes: *Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.*

APPEAL INFORMATION

The formal action by the Planning Commission shall become effective after the ten-day appeal period, unless the City Council in compliance with section 41-643, 41-644 or 41-645 holds a public hearing on the matter, then the formal action will become effective on the day following the hearing and decision by the City Council. An appeal from the decision or requirement of the Planning Commission may be made by any interested party, individual, or group. The appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Council, accompanied by the required filing fee, and a copy sent to the Planning Department, within ten days of the date of the Commission's action, by 5:00 p.m. If the final day to appeal falls on a City Hall observed holiday or a day when City hall is closed, the final day to appeal shall be extended to the next day City Hall is open for public business. Please note: Under California Government Code Sec. 65009, if you challenge in court any of the matters on this agenda for which a public hearing is to be conducted, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the Planning Commission or City Council at or before the hearing.

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- **E-mail** PBAComments@santa-ana.org and reference the topic in the subject line.
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Deadline to submit written comments is 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline may not be distributed to the Commission but will be made part of the record.