



## MINUTES

### HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

HUNTINGTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER

2000 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92648

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5:15 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CANCELLED – NO STUDY SESSION

6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### CALL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Grant

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ROLL CALL: *Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins, Mandic*

Commissioner Mandic was absent.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY GRANT, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 23, 2019, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Mandic  
ABSTAIN: None

#### MOTION APPROVED

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

##### 19-086 PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

Nominate and elect the Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GRANT, SECONDED BY KALMICK, TO NOMINATE AND ELECT PAT GARCIA AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**AYES:** Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mandic  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION APPROVED**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY SCANDURA, TO NOMINATE AND ELECT MICHAEL GRANT AS PLANNING COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES:** Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mandic  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION APPROVED**

**PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1707 AND PLAQUE IN APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING CHAIR JOHN SCANDURA– Chair**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - NONE**

**CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE**

**NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**18-587 GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 18-002 (743 13<sup>th</sup> STREET VACATION)**

**REQUEST:**

**To determine if the vacation of an approximately 150.50 square foot portion of an existing easement for street and Page 1 of 4 Planning Commission AGENDA January 23, 2019 public utility purposes is in conformance with the goals and policies of the General Plan.**

**LOCATION:**

**743 13th Street, 92648 (Southwest corner of Crest Avenue at 13th Street)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the Planning Commission take the following actions:**

- A) Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 4501, Class 5, which supplements the California Environmental Quality Act because the request is a minor easement vacation (Attachment 1); and**
- B) Adopt Resolution No. 1706, approving General Plan Conformance No. 18-002 with findings (Attachment No. 1).**

The Commission made the following disclosures:

- Commissioner Scandura visited the site and spoke with staff.
- Commissioner Ray had no disclosures.
- Vice-Chair Grant had no disclosures.
- Chair Garcia had no disclosures.
- Commissioner Kalmick had no disclosures.
- Commissioner Perkins had no disclosures.

Hayden Beckman, Senior Planner, gave the staff presentation and an overview of the project.

Commissioner Scandura confirmed the property owner information with staff.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY GRANT, TO FIND THE PROPOSED PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 4501, CLASS 5, WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT BECAUSE THE REQUEST IS A MINOR EASEMENT VACATION; AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1706, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 18-002 WITH FINDINGS, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES:** Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mandic  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION APPROVED**

**FINDING FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Planning Commission finds that the proposed project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 4501, Class 5, which supplements the California Environmental Quality Act because the request is a minor easement vacation.

**FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 18-002:**

The proposed vacation of an undeveloped 150.5 square foot portion of an existing easement for street and public utility purposes conforms to the following goals and policies of the General Plan:

A. Land Use Element

Policy LU-1 (A): Ensure that development is consistent with the land use designations presented in the Land Use Map, including density, intensity, and use standards applicable to each land use designation.

The vacation of the Vacation Area will not negatively impact surrounding property owners or public users of the street and sidewalk because easements for the developed

street, sidewalk, and parkway areas will remain intact. Upon vacation, the fee title for the area will revert to the Owner and its successors in interest.

**B. Circulation Element**

Goal CIRC-1 (A): The circulation system supports existing, approved, and planned land uses while maintaining a desired level of service and capacity on streets and at critical intersections.

Policy CIRC-1 (J): Investigate current jurisdictional control of roadways and determine where adjustments may be made in the future.

Goal CIRC-6: Connected, well-maintained, and well-designed sidewalks, bike lanes, equestrian paths, and waterways allow for both leisurely use and day-to-day required activities in a safe and efficient manner for all ages and abilities.

The existing street and pedestrian sidewalk currently provide sufficient access to the surrounding residential uses. The subject area is no longer necessary to construct right-of-way infrastructure to provide the public circulation needs of the abutting properties. Vacating an undeveloped 150.5 square foot portion of an existing public street and utility easement will not have a detrimental impact on the circulation system.

**C. Public Services and Infrastructure Element**

Goal PSI-8: Coordinated infrastructure improvements are identified and funded.

Policy PSI-8 (A): Prepare and adopt coordinated, citywide infrastructure master plans to establish priority and identify funding options for future capital improvement projects.

The area requested to be vacated is 150.5 foot long portion of an existing easement for street and public utility purposes located at the subject property. The Public Works Department has determined that the Vacation Area is excess right-of-way and no longer needed and that no utilities requiring easement access are located within the Vacation Area. Vacation of the Vacation Area will not have a detrimental impact to public services and infrastructure.

**PLANNING ITEMS**

**19-089 PLANNING COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

“Discuss the 2019 Advisory Board and Committee Assignments”

Chair Garcia reviewed the Planning Commission committee assignments

Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Director of Community Development, congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission and welcomed Commissioner Perkins to the commission. Ms. Luna-Reynosa reported on the items from the previous and upcoming City Council Meetings.

Jane James, Planning Manager, reported on the items for the next Planning Commission Meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Scandura reported on the recent Southeast Area Committee meeting.

Commissioner Kalmick thanked Commissioner Scandura for his work as Planning Commission Chair.

Commissioner Ray congratulated Chair Garcia and Vice-Chair Grant on their election to chair and vice-chair. He welcomed Commissioner Perkins to the Planning Commission and reported on the recent Historic Resources Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Grant reported on the recent Sunset Beach Committee meeting and reported on upcoming events in the city.

**ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:33 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, February 12, 2019.**

APPROVED BY:

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Jennifer Villaseñor, Acting Secretary

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Pat Garcia, Chairperson