



# MINUTES

## HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

HUNTINGTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER

2000 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92648

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### 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### CALL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Kalmick

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

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AYES: Scandura, Ray, Grant, Garcia, Kalmick, Perkins, Mandic

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### MOTION APPROVED

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

#### PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - NONE

#### CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE

#### NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

#### **19-419 GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 19-001 (WINDBOURNE PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT VACATION)**

##### **REQUEST:**

To determine if the vacation of a pedestrian easement from a residential neighborhood into a former school site is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.

##### **LOCATION:**

Lot A of Tract 4364 (north side of Spa Drive, approximately 100 ft. west of Calneva Lane)

**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; and;
- B) Adopt Resolution No. 1708 approving General Plan Conformance No. 19-001 with findings (Attachment 1).

Commissioner Kalmick recused himself due to a financial conflict from a previous campaign contribution and left the room.

The Commission made the following disclosures:

- Commissioner Scandura stated he had the same disclosures from the Franklin school site project.
- Commissioner Ray stated he had the same disclosures from the Franklin school site project.
- Vice-Chair Grant stated he had the same disclosures from the Franklin school site project, and spoke with staff and neighboring residents.
- Chair Garcia had no disclosures.
- Commissioner Perkins visited the site.
- Commissioner Mandic visited the site.

Courtney Badger, Assistant Planner, gave the staff presentation and an overview of the project.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GRANT, SECONDED BY PERKINS, 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; AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1708 APPROVING GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 19-001 WITH FINDINGS, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Planning Commission finds that the 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 CEQA, because the request is a minor easement vacation.

**FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 19-001:**

*The proposed vacation of the subject 1,000 sq. ft. pedestrian easement area conforms to the following goals and policy of the General Plan:*

A. Land Use Element

LU Goal 1: New commercial, industrial, and residential development is coordinated to ensure that the land use pattern is consistent with the overall goals and needs of the community.

The existing pedestrian easement was designed to provide access to the Franklin School site at the north end of the easement. However, with the recently approved project to rezone the school site to residential, the pedestrian easement is no longer necessary.

B. Circulation Element

CE Goal 1a: The circulation system supports existing, approved, and planned land uses while maintaining a desired level of service and capacity on streets and critical intersections.

Existing streets and pedestrian sidewalks currently provide sufficient access to the surrounding residential uses. The subject area is no longer necessary to provide pedestrian access or meet the circulation needs of the abutting properties. The vacation of the subject easement will not have a detrimental impact on the circulation system and will allow for the future regular care and maintenance of the vacant property.

Commissioner Kalmick returned to the room.

**PLANNING ITEMS**

Jane James, Planning Manager, reported on the items from the previous and upcoming City Council Meetings and for the next Planning Commission Meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Scandura asked staff to poll the commission for their items of interest in the Magnolia Tank Farm EIR.

Vice-Chair Grant welcomed Commissioner Mandic back from her extended absence.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 6:16 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

APPROVED BY:

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Jennifer Villasenor, Acting Secretary

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Pat Garcia, Chairperson