

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Planning Commission and Staff Seating



A. CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Barba, Rainey, Doan, Paul, Serrato, and Weiler

D. MINUTES: **08/24/2021 APPROVED (5-0) Abstained: Rainey and Ramirez**

The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Planning Commission on any item of interest to the public before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please fill out a speaker's slip and give it to the minutes clerk who will forward it to the chairman.

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E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Under state law, all items under Written Communications can have no action, and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

Kristen Bush asked if there are any plans to bring in walkable commercial / retail spaces.

1. Future Neighborhood Meetings: None.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Under state law, all items under Oral Communications can have no action, and may be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item of business within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

Please try to limit your testimony to three minutes.

H. CURRENT BUSINESS:

Note: Current Business items are those that under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.

1. Classical Academy Shared Parking

REQUEST: Joint-Use Parking Agreement to allow The Classical Academy middle school to use a portion of the City of Escondido's Woodward Avenue Parking Lot for staff parking and student drop-off and pick-up.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Applicant: 235 W. Washington Avenue, 237 W. Washington Avenue, 144 Woodward Avenue, and 146 Woodward Avenue (APNs 229-281-29-00, 229-281-30-00, 229-281-17-00, 229-281-18-00, and 229-281-19-00); City: 251 Woodward Avenue (APN 229-352-12-00)

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15311(b) "Accessory Structures" of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

APPLICANT: The Classical Academies (Mark Kalpakgian)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Chair Barba confirmed that the City is not collecting payment for the use of the Parking Lot and that the City can cancel the agreement.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion by Vice-Chair Rainey, seconded by Commissioner Paul to approve the Classical Academy Shared Parking. Motion carried 6-0-1. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, and Serrato; Recused: Weiler.

PROJECTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: N/A

2. Escondido Creek Trail

A request for Planning Commission Design Review of the potential improvements to the existing Escondido Creek Trail.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project including funding, landscape/planting selections, lighting, crime prevention, signage, public art, sustainability, and other recommendations.

3. East Valley Specific Plan EIR Review

Staff will provide a presentation on the EIR status for the East Valley Specific Plan.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: None.

4. Brown Act Presentation (AB 361)

The City Attorney's Office will provide a presentation on Brown Act requirements.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:
Commissioner Doan asked if last minute teleconferences would be possible.

5. State of California Housing Legislation

Staff will provide a presentation on recent State housing legislation updates.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:
Commissioners discussed various aspects of the legislation, primarily related to Senate Bill 9.

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J. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Paul requested that the 2021 Parking Structure Cost Outlook be shared with the Commissioners.

Chair Barba would like to add discussion of the tree canopy to the next Planning Commission agenda, asked when to expect environmental and safety updates and asked for an update on the Senior Planner recruitment.

K. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim Director of Community Development Adam Finestone noted that the regularly scheduled meeting of October 26, 2021, and the meeting the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday would likely be canceled.

Adam Finestone stated that at the next Planning Commission meeting would include discussion on the APA conference.

L. ADJOURNMENT at 8:49 p.m.