

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Lindsay, Ramirez

Chair Lindsay joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

July 6, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Arbgast Second: Laricchia
Ayes: (6) Arbgast, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia Lindsay, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Ramirez

Staff introduced the City's new Community Development Director, Niki Wetzel. Ms. Wetzel looked forward to serving the needs of the community and also mentioned that David Dent, the City's Chief Building Official, was appointed as Deputy Community Development Director.

STUDY SESSION – HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Staff, along with MIG (Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc.) consultant, Jose Rodriguez, presented an overview of the Housing Element Update, which focuses on programs to facilitate housing, identifying constraints to housing development, creating an inventory of housing sites and resources, and the progress of meeting the goals of

the previous Housing Element. The review included discussion on the RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment), along with methods of community engagement, the timeline for submissions, of which there were three total, the proposed revisions to the Adopted Housing Element, and the current status of the Housing Element, which per an HCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) letter submitted to the City, dated August 14th, the revised draft of the adopted Housing Element 2021-2029 is 'substantially compliant'. The next steps to complete the process will be a Planning Commission Public Hearing, followed by City Council approval and adoption of the amendments. The final HCD certification letter will be obtained in October/November.

Ms. Leslie Kerr was concerned that non-profit properties, such as the Assistance League and Elks Lodge, which were labeled as 'underutilized' in the Housing Element, were targeted and may be lost through eminent domain. Staff responded there will be no eminent domain. Properties would be sold only if the owners choose to sell.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Several Commissioners noted code enforcement issues in the Garden Grove area. Staff suggested that complaints be directed to the Code Enforcement portal on the City's website and the phone application.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated the September 7th meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief description of the agenda items for the September 21st meeting, which would include the Housing Element public hearing. Staff also gave project updates on the Cottage Industries, the Brookhurst Triangle, Site C, and Nickelodeon.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 p.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary