



MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 18, 2020

The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paul CIRCO (Chair) / *(via virtual platform)*
Humbert CABRERA *(via virtual platform)*
Darrin MROZ *(via virtual platform)*
Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE *(via virtual platform)*
Anthony SOTTILE (Vice Chair) *(via virtual platform)*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa DEVINE, Planning Manager / *(via virtual platform)*
Barbara LUCK, City Attorney / *(via virtual platform)*
Spencer HAYES, Assistant Planner / *(via virtual platform)*
Ron Luis Valles, Administrative Secretary / *(via virtual platform)*

Chairman CIRCO explained the procedures of the virtual meeting, which is in compliance with the State of California Governor's Executive Order, and the County of San Diego's Health Officer's Orders.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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	Planning Commission minutes of July 21, 2020

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to approve the July 21, 2020 minutes; carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

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Project Name:	East Main Personal Storage Facility – The Storage District
Request:	Allow a new personal storage facility
CEQA Recommendation:	EXEMPT
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL
Project Number(s):	Specific Plan (SP) No. 2020-0001
Location:	1338 East Main Street
Applicant:	Nancy Bane, SORSIRS, Inc.; 760-877-2009
Project Planner:	Spencer Hayes; shayes@cityofelcajon.us ; 619-441-1656
City Council Hearing Required?	Yes September 8, 2020
Recommended Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conduct the public hearing; and2. MOVE to adopt the next resolutions in order recommending approval of the CEQA exemption and Specific Plan No. 2020-0001, subject to conditions.

HAYES summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the resolutions recommending City Council approval.

The public hearing was opened.

Four emails were received from Bill SELIK, Jonathan KATTOULA, Sulaik YOUSIF, and Robert HONN urging Planning Commission and City Council approval of the project. They were read into the record.

Two Zoom comments recommending approval were read into the record.

Nancy BANE, the applicant, and two architects spoke in support. They presented a video featuring 3-D elevations about the project. In response to a query, BANE noted that they will install trees in the front to add to the landscape plan.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by CABRERA, to close the public hearing; carried 5-0.

Commissions praised the project and noted the great overall design, new investment in the area, and a unique elevated storm water treatment feature. CABRERA requested the applicant improve the front façade by creating an offset in the planes. The applicant agreed to make the modification.

Motion was made by CABRERA, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to adopt the resolutions recommending City Council approval of the CEQA Exemption, Specific Plan Amendment No. 2020-0001, carried 5-0.

This item was joint-noticed for a City Council public hearing at 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

DEVINE informed that there are two Zoom meetings scheduled for 10 a.m., Monday, August 24 and 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 25 to obtain community input for housing, environmental justice and safety in El Cajon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by MROZ, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 7:46 p.m. this 18th day of August 2020 until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2020; carried 5-0.

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Paul CIRCO, Chair

ATTEST:

Melissa Devine

Melissa DEVINE, Secretary