



MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 20, 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)*
Morgan FOLEY, City Attorney / *(via virtual platform)*
Alfonso CAMACHO, 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 email comments received before the meeting or online comments during the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda Item:	1
	Planning Commission minutes of October 6, 2020

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by MROZ, to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes; carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Agenda Item:	2
Project Name:	Cordell Storage Containers
Request:	Allow four (4) prefabricated storage containers
CEQA Recommendation:	EXEMPT
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	APPROVE
Project Number(s):	Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2020-0006
Location:	1935 Cordell Court
Applicant:	Kirk Nelson, Design Intervention, Inc.; 949-376-5357
Project Planner:	Alfonso Camacho; acamacho@cityofelcajon.us; 619-441-1782
City Council Hearing Required?	No
Recommended Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conduct the public hearing; and2. MOVE to adopt the next resolutions in order APPROVING the CEQA exemption and CUP No. 2020-0006, subject to conditions.

CAMACHO summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the resolutions approving the project.

The public hearing was opened. No public comments were received prior to or during the meeting.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

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

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by CABRERA, to adopt the resolutions APPROVING the CEQA Exemption, and Conditional Use Permit No. 2020-0006, subject to conditions; carried 5-0.

The appeal period of this item ends at 5 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Agenda Item:	3
Project Name:	ECTLC Battery Storage
Request:	(6) Energy Storage Batteries with Screening
CEQA Recommendation:	EXEMPT
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	APPROVE
Project Number(s):	Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2020-0004
Location:	1523 – 1527 East Main Street

Applicant:	James Beach, EnerSmart Storage, LLC james@enersmartstorage.com , 619-333-6613
Project Planner:	Alfonso Camacho; acamacho@cityofelcajon.us ; 619-441-1782
City Council Hearing Required?	No
Recommended Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Conduct the public hearing; and 4. MOVE to adopt the next resolutions in order APPROVING the CEQA exemption and CUP No. 2020-0004, subject to conditions.

[CABRERA noted that he wanted to recuse himself from the next item. FOLEY asked if he received financial payments, CABRERA replied no but noted that he volunteers with the ECTLC and did not want a negative impression. It was recommended that he abstain from this item. CABRERA’s microphone was muted and video turned off during this item.]

CAMACHO summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the resolutions approving the project.

The public hearing was opened. No public comments were received prior to the meeting.

MROZ noted that there was an explosion of lithium ion battery several years in Arizona and was wondering about materials.

CIRCO recommended having color or mural on the screening wall around the battery components

Mr. James BEACH, the applicant, spoke in favor of the project and responded to MROZ and informed that the batteries are lithium iron and not ion. They will monitor and have quick emergency response conditions in place. He noted they support the idea of having a mural.

Mr. Mark LA MAGANA, the applicant’s representative spoke in favor.

Mr. William FISCHBECK, a board member at the East County Transitional Living Center, spoke in favor of project.

In an online comment, John GIBSON thanked the Commission and noted that this project will benefit the ECTLC.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by MROZ, to close the public hearing; carried 4-0 (CABRERA, abstained).

Commissioners favored the project and liked the mural idea.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by MROZ, to adopt the resolutions APPROVING the CEQA Exemption, and Conditional Use Permit No. 2020-0004, subject to conditions; carried 4-0 (CABRERA, abstained).

The appeal period of this item ends at 5 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

DEVINE noted that the Planning Commission and staff was honored with a National Planning Month proclamation at the City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by SOTTILE, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 7:41 p.m. this 20th day of October 2020 until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020; carried 5-0.

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Paul CIRCO, Chair

ATTEST:

Melissa Devine

Melissa DEVINE, Secretary