



## MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING February 7, 2023

*The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Darrin MROZ (Chair)  
Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE (Vice Chair)  
Paul CIRCO  
Shannon EDISON  
Anthony SOTTILE

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Noah ALVEY, Deputy Director of Community Development  
Mario SANCHEZ, Deputy Director of Public Works  
Barbara LUCK, Staff Attorney  
Spencer HAYES, Associate Planner  
Roxana GUZMAN, Administrative Secretary

Chair MROZ opened the Planning Commission meeting explaining the rules of conduct.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Planning Commission minutes of January 17, 2023</b>

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by SOTTILE, to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes; motion carried 4-0; Commissioner EDISON is abstaining from the vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>East County Crematorium</b>
<b>Request:</b>	<b>Crematorium</b>
<b>CEQA Recommendation:</b>	<b>Exempt</b>
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>DENY</b>
<b>Project Number:</b>	Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2022-0005
<b>Location:</b>	1034 North Magnolia Avenue
<b>Applicant:</b>	East County Mortuary, Inc. (Robert Zakar); <a href="mailto:robertzakar@yahoo.com">robertzakar@yahoo.com</a> ; 619-654-7532
<b>Project Planner:</b>	Noah Alvey; 619-441-1795; <a href="mailto:nalvey@elcajian.gov">nalvey@elcajian.gov</a>
<b>City Council Hearing Required?</b>	No
<b>Recommended Actions:</b>	1. Conduct the continued public hearing; and 2. MOVE to adopt the next resolution in order DENYING CUP No. 2022-0005.

ALVEY summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation.

COMMISSIONERS asked questions with ALVEY providing answers.

MROZ opened the public hearing.

Heather BUTTERFIELD, with Gershman Properties, spoke in opposition of the item, supporting the recommendation to deny.

Ernie KASSOFF, with the equipment manufacturer, spoke in support of the item, opposing the recommendation to deny.

Mike MILLER ceded his time to KASSOFF.

Jonathan JABORO, mortuary manager, spoke in support of the item, opposing the recommendation to deny.

Robert ZAKAR, applicant, spoke in support of the item, opposing the recommendation to deny.

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

Commissioners discussed the item.

MROZ reopened public hearing.

ZAKAR answered questions from the commissioners regarding backup generators.

BUTERFIELD asked questions regarding cremations and hours of operations.

CIRCO asked if there are hours of operations attached to CUP-2022-0005 with ALVEY referring the question back to ZAKAR.

ZAKAR confirmed that hours of operations will be based on demand.

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

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by MROZ, to adopt the next resolution in order approving CUP-2022-0005 adding a condition of approval to require that the building plans include a backup generator; motion carried 5-0.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 8:10 p.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2023, until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023; motion carried 5-0.

  
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Darrin MROZ, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Noah ALVEY, Secretary