



## MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING March 7, 2023

*The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:09 p.m.*

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Darrin MROZ (Chair)  
Paul CIRCO

**STAFF PRESENT:** Noah ALVEY, Deputy Director of Community Development  
Barbara LUCK, Staff Attorney  
Laura JUSZAK, Administrative Secretary

Vice Chair POLLACK-RUDE 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 February 7, 2023</b>

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by EDISON, to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes; motion carried 3-0, with CIRCO and MROZ absent.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Homecoming Fireworks – Granite Hills High School</b>	
<b>Request:</b>	<b>Review conditions of approval for Homecoming Fireworks at Granite Hills High School</b>	
<b>CEQA Recommendation:</b>	<b>Exempt</b>	
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>ACCEPT REPORT</b>	
<b>Project Number:</b>	Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1026	
<b>Location:</b>	1719 East Madison Avenue	
<b>Applicant:</b>	Granite Hills High School (Al Guerra); 619-593-5500; <a href="mailto:aguerra@guhsd.net">aguerra@guhsd.net</a>	
<b>Project Planner:</b>	Noah Alvey; 619-441-1795; <a href="mailto:nalvey@elcajon.gov">nalvey@elcajon.gov</a>	
<b>City Council Hearing Required?</b>	No	
<b>Recommended Actions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss the report; and</li> <li>2. ACCEPT report.</li> </ol>	

ALVEY summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation.

COMMISSIONERS asked questions with ALVEY providing answers.

POLLACK-RUDE opened the public hearing.

Neighboring property owner Tina SHAW spoke with concerns about notifications from the School.

Bryan SNOW, representing Shadow Mountain Community Church, spoke in support.

Al GUERRA, representing Granite Hills High School Associated Student Body (ASB), assured COMMISSIONERS and City staff that School staff will follow the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit.

COMMISSIONERS discussed the item, asking ALVEY questions.

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to accept the staff report and direct staff to amend the Conditional Use Permit; motion carried 2-1, with EDISON dissenting. LUCK notified COMMISSIONERS that the motion fails and that any votes today to approve would have to be a quorum of 3.

COMMISSIONERS discussed the recommendation further, with ALVEY answering questions regarding zoning code updates.

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by EDISON, to accept the staff report, and to direct staff to amend the zoning code regarding fireworks displays; motion carried 3-0, with CIRCO and MROZ absent.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

There were no other items for consideration.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no staff communications.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

There were no commissioner reports or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by POLLACK-RUDE, seconded by SOTTILE, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 7:55 p.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2023, until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2023; motion carried 3-0, with CIRCO and MROZ absent.

  
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Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Noah ALVEY, Secretary