



# MINUTES

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## CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 21<sup>th</sup> 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Huntington Park City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
6550 Miles Avenue  
Huntington Park, California 90255

Chairperson Sanabria called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner(s): Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria, Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa, Commissioner Angelica Montes. PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal, Commissioner Erika Nuno.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Steve Forster; Planning Division Manager, Luis Rodriguez. Assistant Planner, Jordan Martinez. Contract Planner, Christian Espinoza.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jonathan Sanabria.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

### **CONSENT ITEMS** – None

### **RECEIVE AND FILE**

1. Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero gave a PowerPoint showing the update on grants applied by Community Development Department. She went over the Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG), Metro TOC Technical Assistance Program, and House related grants, such as, CalHome Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) Program and First Home Buyer Program.
2. Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero gave a brief summary of the Community Development Department Year of End Accomplishments. Between these accomplishments are the total number of different permits issued, the grand opening of Target and the newly approved Starbucks by Planning Department. She also talked about the improvements at the Building and Safety Division and how new processed and procedures has helped come up with a faster system that has resulted in a more effective expedite counter process. Lastly, she mentioned how Code Enforcement division has worked diligently along with Planning, Building & Safety and Public works to moderate different issues regarding trash, graffiti, parking meters, and violations to improve the community.
3. Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero introduced the Community Development Goals for 2023 for each of the Department's divisions. The already certified General Plan Housing Element, Environmental Justice and Safety Elements for Planning Division. The ongoing operations for Building and Safety Division and

the implementation of programs for online permitting and continue Code Enforcement compliance with the businesses in the City and continue to abate ongoing non-compliant violations.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Community Development Director, Steve Forster congratulated Planning Commissioners for all their patience, engagement and for taking time from their personal lives to come and meet to make wise decisions. He also gave some updates on short-term future projects like Raising Canes, which is 90% certain and expecting construction to begin by late Spring of 2023. He also pointed out the fires that happened at 2701 Slauson Avenue and at 5806 Soto St. (El Bodegon), saying that both Code Enforcement and Police Department have been working together throughout the process.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Barba-Ochoa. Thanked staff for their incredible work and said that it makes it easier for them to make such big decisions.
2. Commissioner Angelica Montes expressed her gratitude towards staff and mentioned how 2022 accomplishments have aggressively improved the City.
3. Chair Jonathan Sanabria. Thanked for the information given in order to make their decisions. He also said that he is really excited for 2023 and to see what will happen to all empty properties that need work.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:41 pm the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission was adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Steve Forster  
Community Development Director