



## MINUTES

## **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioner Graciela Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Chairperson Graciela Ortiz, Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal, Commissioner Adrian Tarango

ABSENT: Commissioner Mario Gomez, Commissioner John Estrada

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Steve Forster, Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Graciela Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**CONSENT ITEMS – Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:**

## 1. Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on November 20, 2024.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Adrian Tarango to approve the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Graciela Ortiz. Motion **passed 2-0-1**, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Adrian Tarango  
Chairperson Graciela Ortiz

**NOES:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSTAINED:**      Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. CASE NO. 2024-03 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) – A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CHURCH USE AT 3034 E. GAGE AVENUE WITH ANCILLARY OFFICE USE AT 3052 E. GAGE AVENUE BOTH PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE.

Lemessis Quintero, Associate Planner, presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation to the Commission requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a church use at 3034 E. Gage Avenue with ancillary office use at 3052 E. Gage Avenue both parcels located within the commercial (C-G) zone. She provided in-depth information about the site, zoning map, project details, and current conditions. After careful analysis, Ms. Quintero determined that all six necessary findings for CUP approval were met and recommended that the Planning Commission approve PC Case No. 2024-03 CUP.

Donna Neval, founder of Praise Chapel church, mentions that they moved into the building in 1988 and since they have helped the community by providing classes, clothing, food, crisis counseling, children activity and many more. She also thanked the city staff and commissioners for their time helping them through the CUP process.

Chairperson Graciela Ortiz thanks Praise Chapel for everything they do within the community by providing back to the community whether they are members or not. Steve Forster, Community Development Director, thanks Praise Chapel for working well with the community and going through the proper steps as well for what they do for the community which he has witnessed attending previous food drives. Commissioner Tarango and Commissioner Carvajal also thank Praise Chapel for their work and ability to help the community.

Chairperson Graciela Ortiz motioned to **Approve CASE NO. 2024-03 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)**, seconded by Commissioner Adrian Tarango. Motion passed 3-0-0, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal  
Commissioner Adrian Tarango  
Chairperson Graciela Ortiz

**NOES:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSTAINED:**      Commissioner(s):    None

2. **HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION: DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS - AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN AND TITLE 9, ZONING, OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS 7, 10, AND 13**  
**(Case No. 2024-01)**

Steve Forster, Community Development Director, recommends tabling items on the agenda to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting which will talk about rezoning the downtown specific plan. Due to the current absence of Commissioners, it would be in the public's best interest if the item has more public participation as well as the entire planning commission.

Chairperson Graciela Ortiz motioned to **Table item till the next scheduled meeting**, seconded by Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal. Motion **passed 3-0-0**, by the following vote:

**AYES:**                   Commissioner(s):   Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal  
                                  Commissioner Adrian Tarango  
                                 Chairperson Graciela Ortiz

**NOES:**                   Commissioner(s):   None

**ABSTAINED:**            Commissioner(s):   None

**RECEIVE AND FILE** - None

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Steve Foster would like to wish the commission happy holidays. Steve would like to adjourn the meeting in honor of Commissioner Carvajal's brother Daniel Jr. Caravel.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

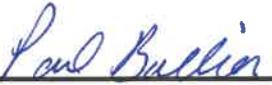
1. Commissioner Adrian Tarango sends out his condolences to Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal. He wishes everyone happy holidays and thanks the staff for their work.
2. Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal would like to thank the staff and commissioners as well as Chairperson Graciela Ortiz for her leadership. He would like to thank Director Steve Forster and Mayor Karina Macias for attending his brother's ceremony.

3. Chairperson Graciela Ortiz wishes everyone happy holidays and expresses her condolences to Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:57 p.m. the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in memory of Daniel Jr. Carvajal.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Paul Boller

Acting Planning Commission Secretary