

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Planning Commission

January 15, 2024

The Planning Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on Monday January 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Martinez led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Martinez, Simpson, Vejar, Maldonado, Tucker, McCormack, and Vazquez

Absent: None

Commissioner Vejar joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. Approval of meeting minutes of the City of Orange Planning Commission Regular Meeting held on December 04, 2023.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Maldonado, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Simpson, Maldonado, Tucker, McCormack, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Absent: Vejar

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1. Public Hearing: A request to construct a multi-purpose service building for St. Verena Coptic Orthodox Church located at 491 N. Hewes Street and finding of CEQA Exemption (Conditional Use Permit 3215-23, Major Site Plan Review 1054-21, and Design Review No. 4799-15).**

Chair Vazquez opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker:

Mark Wissa; Project Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the project.

Shirley Grindle commented on the project landscaping, parking, and condition 16.

Chair Vazquez closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Chair Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 01-24 with the following amendments to conditions of approval 11 and 16. Condition 11. The Brisbane Box trees adjacent to the new multipurpose building shall be replaced by the Gingko trees, or a tree that accomplishes the same screening purpose as approved by staff in coordination with the project landscape architect. Condition 16. Fellowship or any similar group activities shall not occur in the outdoor patio area (or outdoors) after 10:00 p.m. so as not to disturb the proximate residents.

Resolution No. 01-24. A Resolution of the Planning Commission approving Conditional Use Permit 3215-23, Major Site Plan No. 1054-21, and Design Review No. 4799-15, for the construction of a new multi-purpose service building, and landscape improvements at an existing church property located at 491 N. Hewes Street.

Ayes: Martinez, Simpson, Vejar, Maldonado, Tucker, McCormack, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 4.2. Public Hearing: A request to allow an escape room as a commercial recreation facility located at 20 City Blvd. West, Unit 100 (Conditional Use Permit 3212-23).**

Chair Vazquez opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker:

Tim Banning, Applicant, spoke on behalf of the project.

Chair Vazquez closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vejar, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 02-24.

Resolution No. 02-24. A Resolution of the Planning Commission approving Conditional Use Permit 3212-23 to allow the establishment and operation of an Escape Room as a commercial recreation facility at 20 City Blvd. West, Unit 100.

Ayes: Martinez, Simpson, Vejar, Maldonado, Tucker, McCormack, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The next Regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange California 92866.

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