

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber
11300 Stanford Avenue

Monday, June 1, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BLACKMUN
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD
COMMISSIONER FLANDERS
COMMISSIONER HANSSEN
COMMISSIONER NEWBOLD
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER SWAIM

Absent: Hanssen

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Covarrubias, Sr. Project Manager; Nate Robbins, Senior Program Specialist; Timothy Throne, Program Specialist; Judy Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Flanders.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Newbold, to receive and file the Minutes from the March 2, 2020 Meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote, with Commissioner Hanssen absent and Commissioner Pham abstaining, as follows:

Ayes: (5) Blackmun, Crawford, Flanders, Newbold, Swaim
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Hanssen
Abstain: (1) Pham

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR: Chair Blackmun nominated Commissioner Crawford as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Pham. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Hanssen absent, as follows:

Ayes: (6) Blackmun, Crawford, Flanders, Newbold, Pham, Swaim
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Hanssen

Commissioner Crawford assumed the duties of Vice Chair.

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2020-24 Regional Analysis of Impediments: Staff gave a brief presentation and accepted public comment on the Analysis of Impediments and identified goals and strategies to overcome impediments to fair housing choices at both the regional and local level.

Regional Goals:

- Increase the supply of affordable housing in high opportunity areas.
- Prevent displacement of low- and moderate-income residents with protected characteristics, including Hispanic residents, Vietnamese residents, other seniors, and people with disabilities.
- Increase community integration for persons with disabilities.
- Ensure equal access to housing for persons with protected characteristics, who are disproportionately likely to be lower-income and to experience homelessness.
- Expand access to opportunities for protected classes.

Local Strategies:

- Update Density Bonus Ordinance – Garden Grove will update the 2011 Density Bonus Ordinance to comply with current State law. The update will streamline the approval process, increase feasibility, and facilitate future housing development at all affordability levels.
- Create Objective Residential Development Standards to allow for streamlined housing development in all residential zones.
- Create Objective Development Standards for Supportive Housing. These standards would be for new construction of Supportive Housing.
- Evaluate the creation of Objective Development Standards for Hotel/Motel/Office Conversion to Supportive Housing.
- Review and amend Garden Grove’s current Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance to comply with State requirements and further increase housing supply.
- Continue to invest in landlord and tenant counseling and mediation services, unlawful detainer assistance, housing discrimination services, homebuyer education and outreach, and local eviction prevention strategies.

It was moved by Vice Chair Crawford and seconded by Chair Blackmun, to accept staff’s recommendation to transmit the 2020-24 Orange County Analysis of Impediments, along with any public comments, to City Council for adoption. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Hanssen absent, as follows:

Ayes: (6) Blackmun, Crawford, Flanders, Newbold, Pham, Swaim
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Hanssen

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan: Staff presented an overview and accepted public comment on the FY 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan. The following is a brief outline of the Housing and Community Development goals and priorities that have been identified and will guide the City’s community and economic development activities over the next five years:

- Provide decent and affordable housing.
- Address the needs of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness.
- Provide for a variety of community and supportive services.
- Address public facilities and infrastructure needs.
- Promote economic development and employment opportunities.
- Provide for planning and administration activities to address housing and community development needs in the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Newbold and seconded by Commissioner Pham, to accept staff’s recommendation to transmit the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020-21 Action Plan, along with any public comments, and an updated staff report, to City Council for adoption. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Hanssen absent, as follows:

Ayes: (6) Blackmun, Crawford, Flanders, Newbold, Pham, Swaim
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Hanssen

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Pham mentioned a resource called AHRI for Justice, in collaboration with Viet Rainbow of Orange County, which provides assistance and support during the Covid-19 crisis, for example to families who have lost jobs, with a priority to marginalized community members. He then asked for 30 seconds of silence to remember those affected by the crisis and to also celebrate June as Pride month.

Commissioners Newbold and Flanders thanked staff for their hard work on the Plans presented.

Vice Chair Crawford and Chair Blackmun asked for updates on homelessness from the Special Resource Team and City Net for the next regular meeting, as well as an update on Covid-19 funding for the City. Requiring a consensus to place the requests on the agenda, the Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.

Judy Moore, Recording Secretary