



APPROVED: December 14, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

November 9, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ybarra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Ybarra led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members present:

Chairperson Ybarra
Vice Chairperson Arnold
Commissioner Aranda
Commissioner Carbajal
Commissioner Jimenez

Staff:

Richard L. Adams II, City Attorney
Kathya M. Firlik, City Attorney
Wayne Morrell, Director of Planning
Laurel Reimer, Planning Consultant
Vince Velasco, Associate Planner
Claudia Jimenez, Assistant Planner
Teresa Cavallo, Planning Secretary
Fernando Munoz, City Clerk Technician

Council:

None

Members absent:

None

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

Planning Secretary Teresa Cavallo conducted a second roll call to confirm that all Planning Commissioners were in attendance.

5. **MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2020 Planning Commission meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve the

minutes as submitted, with the following vote:

Ayes: Aranda, Arnold, Jimenez, Carbajal, and Ybarra

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Categorically Exempt - CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1

Modification Permit (MOD) Case No. 1336

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission:

- Find and determine that the proposed project will not be detrimental to persons or properties in the surrounding area or to the City in general, and will be in conformance with the overall purpose and objective of the Zoning Ordinance and consistent with the goals, policies and program of the City's General Plan; and
- Find that the applicant's MOD request meets the criteria set forth in §155.694 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, for the granting of a Modification Permit in residential zones; and
- Find and determine that pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is Categorically Exempt; and
- Approve Modification Permit Case No. 1336, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 176-2020; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 176-2020, which incorporates the Planning Commission's findings and actions regarding this matter.

Chair Ybarra called upon Associate Planner Vince Velasco to present Item No. 6. The applicant Irma Ruvalcaba was present via Zoom.

Chair Ybarra called upon the Planning Commissioners for questions or comments.

Vice Chair Arnold inquired about the parking space in front of the garage. Associate Planner Vince Velasco informed the Planning Commissioners that parking stalls are not part of the Modification Permit. The parking space was reflected on the plans as part of the Accessory Dwelling Unit compliance.

A discussion ensued about parking requirements for ADU's.

Commissioner Aranda inquired about ADU access once breezeway is enclosed. Homeowner Irma Ruvalcaba responded via chat on Zoom that there is a side gate located at the rear of the ADU.

Chair Ybarra opened hearing for public comment and requested if anyone from the audience would like to speak on Item No. 6. There being no one else from the audience wishing to speak and the Planning Commissioners having no further questions, Chair Ybarra requested a motion and second for Item No. 6.

It was moved by Commissioner Aranda, seconded Vice Chair Arnold to approve

Modification Permit (MOD) Case No. 1336, and the recommendations regarding these entitlements, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Aranda, Arnold, Carbajal, Jimenez, and Ybarra

Nays: None

Absent: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Statutorily Exempt - CEQA Guidelines Section 15262

City of Santa Fe Springs Active Transportation Plan

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission:

- Find and determine that the project is Statutorily Exempt pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- Adopt Resolution No. 177-2020 to recommend that the City Council adopt the City of Santa Fe Springs Active Transportation Plan.

Chair Ybarra called upon Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer to present Item No. 7.

Chair Ybarra called upon the Planning Commissioners for questions or comments.

Chair Ybarra inquired about electrical scooters, skateboards, and bikes and if a speed limits have been set. Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer responded that the speed limits are set by CalTrans.

A discussion ensued regarding speed limits and speed limit postings.

Commissioner Aranda commented on the ALTA Map. Commissioner Aranda noted various routes not being addressed correctly and concerns that he saw with the map.

It was also noted that this map would be use to consider a bike lane whenever the City resurfaced a City street.

Vice Chair Arnold thanked the City for not considering Telegraph Road. Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer replied that Telegraph wasn't even considered due to the collision rate and posted speed limits. Ms. Reimer did indicate that Florence currently has a bike lane but most likely will disappear once all road construction is completed sometime next year.

Commissioner Jimenez complimented Commissioner Aranda, and Vice Chair Arnold for their insightful questions and Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer for all her hard work.

There being no one from the audience wishing to speak and the Planning Commissioners having no further questions, Chair Ybarra requested a motion and second for Item No. 7.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimenez, seconded by Chair Ybarra to recommend that the City Council approve the City of Santa Fe Springs Active Transportation Plan with the Planning Commissioner's comments, and the recommendations regarding this

entitlement, which did not pass by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Jimenez, and Ybarra
Nays: Aranda, and Arnold
Absent: Carbajal

A discussion ensued about tabling this item to another Planning Commission meeting. Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer informed the Planning Commission that is was a grant funded report being presented before the City Council at the December 10, 2020 Council meeting to receive feedback and comments.

Chair Ybarra requested a motion and second on Item No. 7.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Arnold, seconded by Chair Aranda to not recommend the City of Santa Fe Springs Active Transportation Plan to the City Council based on the Planning Commission's comments and concerns, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Aranda, Arnold, Jimenez, and Ybarra
Nays: None
Absent: Carbajal

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners:

Vice Chair Arnold wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Aranda thanked staff for their presentations and informed everyone that due to the City Elections this may be his last meeting and thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked Ralph for his service and that is was a pleasure working with Commissioner Aranda.

Commissioner Jimenez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Compliments of the Season.

Chair Ybarra encouraged everyone to attend the Dodger's Celebratory Parade.

Staff:

Planning Secretary Teresa Cavallo informed the Planning Commissioners that she will be going on medical leave and in her absence City Clerk Technician Fernando Munoz would be assuming her responsibilities for the Planning Commission.

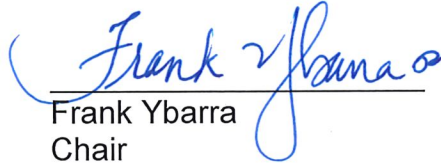
Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer informed the Planning Commissioners that she will be going on maternity leave.

City Attorney Richard Adams, II introduced City Attorney Kathya Firlik who will be

stepping in from time to time to cover for Mr. Adams.
Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer also invited the Planning Commissioners to join staff on Thursday, November 12th for the City's Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session for General Plan.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m. to the next regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.


Frank Ybarra
Chair

ATTEST:


Wayne M. Morrell
Director of Planning


Date

