



**Planning Commission
Minutes**

Regular Planning Commission
Meeting of June 5, 2023
IN PERSON AND ONLINE MEETING
<https://www.nationalcityca.gov/webcast>
LIVE WEBCAST
Council Chambers, Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

These minutes have been abbreviated. Video recordings of the full proceedings are on file and available to the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Miller at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Valenzuela, Sendt, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Staff Also Present: Planning Manager Martin Reeder, Director of Housing Carlos Aguirre, Deputy City Attorney Ashlin Y. Lutes, and Executive Secretary Sarah Esendencia.

Commissioner Sanchez comes in at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Sanchez

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geoffrey Schrock makes a public comment not related to items on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for the Meeting on June 5, 2023.

Motion by Castle, second by Sendt, to approve the Agenda for the Meeting of June 5, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sendt, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of April 17, 2023.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Castle, to approve the Minutes from the Meeting of April 17, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sendt, Miller, Castle,

Noes: None.

Abstain: Sanchez, Quinones, Armenta.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Public Hearing – Review of the Focused General Plan Update’s Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report, and California Environmental Quality Act Findings, the Focused General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Sanchez discloses that he had a meeting with Cynthia Morgan Reed from Morgan Reed Lawyers and Planning consultant Joseph Smith.

Director, Carlos Aguirre and Planning Manager, Martin Reeder, presented a PowerPoint presentation.

The consultant team, Vice President, Tara Lake, Project Manager, Stephanie Whitmore, Project Manager on the environmental side from

WSP, and Laura Gates founder and principal of Gates Planning Strategies who developed Housed National City, was also present.

Cynthia Morgan Reed from Morgan Reed Law gave a presentation.

Ted Godshalk made a Public Comment and was allotted 1 extra minute.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Sendt, to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sendt, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

Motion by Castle, second by Sendt to make a recommendation to have the alternate project location alternative.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sendt, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy City Attorney: None.

Acting Director of Community Development: None.

Planning Manager: Request a Special Planning Commission Meeting to be held in regards to the Capital Improvement Plan for the next fiscal year and the General Plan Conformance.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Castle, to hold a Special Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sendt, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

Planning Manager welcomed Commissioner Armenta and Commissioner Quinones and states that he looks forward to working with them. Also reports that there will be a Regional Planning Commission Training that will be available on June 23rd, virtual, hosted by The Institutes of Local Government and will share the event via email to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Castle: None.

Commissioner Armenta: None.

Commissioner Sanchez: Congratulates National City Little League, Las Palmas and states that he has taken part of their board and is the Public Relations.

Commissioner Quinones: None.

Commissioner Sendt: States for the record and will follow-up with an email to the Chief of Police. Reports that the weekend before, one of his neighbors was a victim of a felony vandalism on her car as she was pulling out of the Jack in the Box on Plaza Boulevard right across from the homeless encampment and states it was one of the individuals that lives in that encampment. States that when the Police Department was called, within 5 minutes, 2 officers from the Police Department took the report, went to the location, and arrested the individual. Commends the Police Department and the two Officers for an outstanding and timely service.

Commissioner Valenzuela: States that many of the transients that have taken to living in the parking lot where the Jack in the Box is, states they put their hood up as if they are, "working" on their car therefore someone cannot tell them to leave and states she wants to bring it to the attention of Ben Martinez.

Chair Miller: Reminds the Commissioners to put their contact information in all of the Planning Commissioners cell phones and reminds that if they plan on being absent, to send an email or text message to either Madam Secretary or himself so they are aware. Request to see some kind of training for the Planning Commission in regards to safety protocols for emergencies such as active shooting, earthquakes, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miller adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Sarah Esendencia, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2023.


Martin Miller, Chair