



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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**July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025**

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### **WELCOME TO YOUR COMMISSION MEETING**

We welcome your interest and involvement in the legislative process of Escondido. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Commission.

#### **CHAIR**

Rick Paul

#### **VICE CHAIR**

Katharine Barba

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

David Barber

Judy Fitzgerald

Carrie Mecaro

Barry Speer

Stan Weiler

#### **MINUTES CLERK**

Alex Rangel

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#### **In Person**



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### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Barry Speer

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Paul, Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner

**Commissioner Absent:** Katharine Barba, Vice-Chair; Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner.

**City Staff Present:** Adam Finestone, City Planner; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **PL23-0109 – Downtown Specific Plan Text Amendment to Creekside Neighborhood District List of Allowable Uses**

**REQUEST:** A request to amend the land use matrix table of permitted and conditional uses (Figure II-2) of the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP). The amendment consists of a text amendment to allow “All types of eating establishments providing meal service from an on-site operating commercial-grade kitchen, and / or dessert service from an on-site operating commercial-grade freezer / refrigerator facility with, or without, incidental sale of alcohol (including micro-breweries and outdoor dining, but with no drivethrough), with no live amplified entertainment or dancing” as a permitted use within the Creekside Neighborhood (CN) district of the DSP. The text amendment will only affect properties located on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue.

**PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION:** The .17-acre site is located on E Pennsylvania Avenue and is addressed at 341 Pennsylvania Avenue. (Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): 229-392-17-00).

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** This project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15061 (Common Sense Exemption).



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APPLICANT: Carina Kennedy

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the request, including existing restaurant uses and the guidelines of the Creekside Neighborhood District.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Motion to recommend approval of PC Resolution 2023-10, recommending City Council approval.

Motion to approve: Barber

Second: Weiler

Motion carried 4-0.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chair Paul wished to bring the "San Diego Regional Senior Center Master Business Plan," an item from the San Diego Senior's Community Foundation, to discuss as a future agenda item.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

### **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

None.

### **CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:**

City Planner Finestone provided information related to the upcoming July 25, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**



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Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Adam Finestone, Secretary to the Escondido  
Planning Commission

Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk