



CITY of ESCONDIDO

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

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

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VICE CHAIR

Katharine Barba

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David Barber
Judy Fitzgerald
Carrie Mecaro
Barry Speer
Stan Weiler

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Rick Paul

ROLL CALL:

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

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

City Staff Present: Veronica Morones, City Planner; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnel, Assistant City Engineer; Ivan Flores, Senior Planner; Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2023

Motion to approve from Commissioner Barber; Second: Commissioner Weiler.

Motion carried (5-0) to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Paul, Barber, Fitzgerald, Speer, and Weiler.

Absent: Barba, Mecaro.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **PL21-0057 – 335 N. Quince Street / North County Transit District – Fleet Parking**

REQUEST: A Conditional Use Permit to allow for the fleet vehicle storage and support to an existing bus maintenance facility owned and operated by the North County Transit District, East Division Maintenance Facility. The request also includes removal of existing site remnant foundations, site fences, pavement, lighting, and vegetation, and replacement with new parking lot paving, restriping, perimeter walls, lighting, access, and landscaping.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The 1.24-acre site is located qat the southwest corner of N. Quince Street and Norlak Avenue, and directly north of the Escondido Creek Channel, addressed as 335 N. Quince Street. (Assessor's Parcel No. 232-091-20-00)



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ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The Project qualifies for an exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines sections 15332 (In-Fill Development Project).

APPLICANT: North County Transit District (NCTD)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

COMMISSION ACTION:

None. This item has been continued to the January 23, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission.

2. PL23-0304 – 960 West El Norte Parkway / AT&T Wireless Communication Facility

REQUEST: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 65'-0" high wireless service facility designed as a mono-eucalyptus. The facility consists of various antennas, surge suppressors, and cables to support the wireless facility. The request also includes the construction of a ground level enclosure surrounded by an 8'-0" tall CMU wall to house a diesel generator, and other accessory equipment for the wireless facility.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The 1.09-acre site is located on the north side of W El Norte Parkway within an existing commercial center and is addressed at 960 W El Norte Parkway. (Assessor's Parcel Number: 226-350-65-00)

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The Project qualifies for an exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

APPLICANT: Harold Thomas Jr. on behalf of AT&T.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.



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COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project, including public comment on similar projects, and the existing site conditions.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Motion to approve Planning Commission Resolution 2024-01, approving the project.

Motion: Commissioner Speer. Second: Commissioner Fitzgerald.

Motion carried (5-0) to approve.

Ayes: Paul, Barber, Fitzgerald, Speer, Weiler.

Absent: Barba, Mecaro.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Historic Preservation Commission

REQUEST: Discussion related to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Not a project under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

APPLICANT: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the HPC, including the existing purpose of the Commission, qualifications required, and processing timeline of projects brought to the HPC.

COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Barber requested to continue the discussion on the future plans for the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Weiler.



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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

None.

CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:

City Planner Morones provided information related to the upcoming projects, and the upcoming January 23, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Veronica Morones, Secretary to the Escondido
Planning Commission

Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk