



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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**March 28, 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**

Katharine Barba

#### **VICE CHAIR**

Rick Paul

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

David Barber

Dao Doan

Carrie Mecaro

Barry Speer

Stan Weiler

#### **MINUTES CLERK**

Kimberlianne Miller

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### MINUTES

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

**FLAG SALUTE:** Stan Weiler

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Katharine Barba, Chair; and Dao Doan, Commissioner

**City Staff Present:** Andrew Firestine, Director of Development Services; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Jay Paul, Senior Planner; and Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 14, 2023**

Motion carried 3-0 to approve

Ayes: Paul, Weiler, Barber

Abstained: Mecaro, Speer

Absent: Barba, Doan

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. MASTER PLAN MODIFICATION, PRECISE PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - PL22-0512**

**REQUEST:** The Project includes a modification to the Montiel Road Master Development Plan to allow construction services and outdoor storage, including fleet and construction equipment storage as a conditionally permitted use. The request also includes a Precise Development Plan for the remodel of the exterior and interior of the existing 1,595 square foot building and proposed 3,965 square foot building additions, site improvements and landscaping. A Conditional Use Permit also is requested to allow the proposed use in conformance with the requested Master Plan modification.

**PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION:** The 1.3-acre project site is located on the south side of Montiel Road, north of State Route 78, west of Interstate 15, address at 1359 Montiel Road (APN 228-290-54-00).



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**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** The Project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and section 15332 (In-fill Development Projects).

**APPLICANT:** West Coast Arborists

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Palat, Vice President of West Coast Arborists, provided a brief history of the company and expressed positive comments about the project.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

Commissioners discussed the landscaping requirements for the project.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Motion: Paul

Second: Barber

Approved: 5-0 (Barba and Doan - Absent) with the addition of the condition requiring boom trucks to be stored in the lowered position and without flags, advertising, or banners and removal of the conditions for landscaping on the west boundary below the gate and removing the requirement for landscaping along the arc of the 78 corridor.

**PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE:** April 19, 2023

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Barber mentioned the San Diego State University's basketball team competing at the national championship.

**CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:**



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Development Services Director, Andrew Firestine, noted that there is a City Planner's report in the packet from City Planner, Adam Finestone, that was provided to the Commissioners.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Barber and seconded by Commissioner Speer to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

*for* Adam Finestone, Secretary to the Escondido  
Planning Commission

Kimberlianne Miller, Minutes Clerk