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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION**

February 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Adam Ereth, Vice Chair Russell Toller, Commissioner Angely Andrade, Commissioner Jonny Rojas, Commissioner Tim Taber, Commissioner Vivar, Commissioner Jon Zich

Absent: None

Officials Present: Assistant Director of Development Services Scott Drapkin, Assistant City Attorney Tarquin Preziosi, Assistant Planner Patrick Achis, City Engineer Seung Yang and Recording Secretary Anna Partida

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Commissioner Taber commented on the development of the Fairview Developmental Center.

Commissioner Vivar stated he was happy to be back and hoped that everyone had a safe Super bowl weekend.

Commissioner Zich asked the City to provide the Commission and public with a list of received planning applications that staff is working on and estimated month those items will be heard by the commission.

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Commissioner Rojas asked whether a cannabis slide will be made a part of the packet for upcoming cannabis items.

Vice Chair Toler thanked the Public Works Department for deciding to lower the speed limits all across the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2022**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Meeting Minutes for only item PA-22-21 of the November 28, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting (2001 Harbor Boulevard, Suites 101-103)

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Zich asked why this set of minutes were up for Commission approval as opposed to previous minutes held before this set of minutes.

Commissioner Vivar explained to the public the minutes are summaries of what was said in the meeting rather than verbatim.

Commissioner Rojas encouraged the new commissioner to ask question if there is something that they do not understand.

Commissioner Zich stated the minutes accurately reflected that he was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Vivar made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Rojas.

MOVED/SECOND: Vivar/Rojas

MOTION: Move staff's recommendation

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ereth, Toler, Andrade, Rojas, Vivar Zich

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Taber

Motion carried: 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS**1. PLANNING APPLICATION 23-01 TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PA-22-17) TO ALLOW TWO OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND AREAS FOR A PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOL (RENASCENCE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL)**

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Project Description: Planning Application PA-23-01 is an amendment to an existing conditional use permit (PA-22-17) to allow two outdoor playground areas for a private K-12 School (Renascence School International).

Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

No ex-parte communications reported.

Chair Ereth recused himself from the hearing due to signing a letter of support for the Renascence School International.

Patrick Achis, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report.

Commission and Staff:

Discussion ensued on compliance with the State of California playground requirements, duplication of conditions in both Conditions of Approval for PA-22-17 and PA-22-01, special event lighting, the reinforcement wall that protects the playground area from oncoming traffic, security gates, curbs around landscaping and play space area.

Chair opened Public Hearing.

Carrie Mizera, applicant, stated she had read and agreed to the conditions of approval.

Commission, Applicant and Staff:

Discussion ensued on the reinforcement wall for protection from oncoming traffic, gates surrounding the playground, safety and security, and conformation that both play areas will be enclosed by a reinforcement wall.

The Chair opened Public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

The Chair closed public comments.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Vivar made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Rojas.

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MOVED/SECOND: Vivar/Rojas**MOTION:** Move staff's recommendation

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Toler, Andrade, Rojas, Taber, Vivar Zich

Nays: None

Absent: None

Recused: Ereth

Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION: The Planning Commission adopted a resolution to:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), and Section 15332 (Class 32) In-Fill Development; and
2. Approve Planning Application 23-01 to amend existing Conditional Use Permit PA-22-17), subject to conditions of approval.

RESOLUTION PC-2023-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION 23-01 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AMEND PA-22-17 TO ALLOW OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS FOR A PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOL IN THE C1 ZONE FOR PROPERTY AT 1600 ADAMS AVENUE

Chair Ereth returned to the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT(S)

1. Public Services Report – Mr. Yang announced the updated Residential Permit Parking Program and provided information for an upcoming Town Hall meeting.
2. Development Services Report – Mr. Drapkin informed the Commission about an upcoming Special Study Session with the City Council that will focus on the Development Services Department.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT(S)

1. City Attorney – None.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:10 PM

Submitted by:

SCOTT DRAPKIN, SECRETARY
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION