



MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT **MAY 28, 2024**

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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE**

March 12, 2024**6:03 PM**

In accordance with City policy, all Planning Commission meetings are recorded on audio and video in their entirety and are available for review in the Community Development Department (CDD). These minutes are a summary of the action taken.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Daniel Dodge, Vice-Chair Ed Acosta, and Commissioners Brando Senci3n, Martha Vega, and Peter Radin were present. Commissioners Lucy Rojas and Jenni Veitch-Olson were absent.

A. MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT PLANNING COMMISSIONERS (IF ANY)

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Vega, seconded by Commissioner Sencion, and carried by the following vote to excuse Commissioners Rojas and Veitch-Olson:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Radin, Vega, Senci3n,
 NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
 ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Rojas, Veitch-Olson

Staff members present were Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano, Assistant Community Development Director Justin Meek, Principal Planner Matt Orbach, Housing Manager Carlos Landaverry, Administrative Analyst Elena Ortiz, Executive Assistant Celia Castro, and City Interpreter Angelica Jauregui.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Radin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Watsonville resident, Martha Buliach shared a comment regarding Ceiba College Preparatory Academy.

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

Commissioner Vega inquired if there could be a direct email created for Planning Commissioners. In response, Community Development Director Merriam confirmed that will be done.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Vega, seconded by Commissioner Sencion, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda minutes of January 9, 2024:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Radin, Sención, Vega

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Rojas, Veitch-Olson

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

1) Nomination Period

Commissioner Vega nominated Vice-Chair Acosta and thanked Daniel Dodge for his work.

2) Public Input

Council member Ari Parker spoke in support of the nomination.

3) Motion Electing Chairperson (roll call vote)

Commissioner Vega expressed her support for Vice-Chair Acosta becoming Chair.

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commission Vega to appoint Vice-Chair Acosta as Chairperson:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Radin, Sencion, Vega

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Rojas, Veitch-Olson

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

By unanimous decision, Vice-Chair Ed Acosta was elected Chairperson of the Planning Commission.

B. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1) Nomination Period

Chair Acosta nominated Commissioner Radin.

2) Public Input

Community member Victor Marani thanked Chair Dodge for his year serving as Chair. He acknowledged Commissioner Acosta on his appointment to Chair and spoke in support of Commissioner Radin's Vice-Chair nomination.

3) Motion Electing Chairperson (roll call vote)

Chair Acosta expressed his support for Commissioner Radin becoming Vice-Chair.

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Chair Acosta to appoint Commissioner Radin as Vice-Chairperson:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Radin, Sencion, Vega
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: Rojas, Veitch-Olson

By unanimous decision, Commissioner Radin was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission.

C. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

1) Staff Report

Housing Manager Carlos Landaverry gave the presentation.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Sencion regarding completed housing units for year 2023, Housing Manger Landaverry clarified the number of units under construction and recently completed.

Manager Landaverry answered questions from Commissioner Dodge regarding rent limits and housing income categories.

ADOPTED MINUTES 4.A.

Principal Planner Orbach added information regarding Program E6 from the Draft Sixth Cycle Housing Element, which is also available on the City's website.

Housing Manager Landaverry and Community Development Director Merriam addressed questions from Commissioner Vega and elaborated on the efforts the City is taking on addressing the Housing Element Program goal regarding homelessness.

3) Public Input

Chair Acosta opened the public input.

Bill Kelly, Monterey County resident, inquired about building ADUs in the Coastal Zone on his property in unincorporated Monterey County. Since Mr. Kelly's place of residence is outside city limits, Community Development Director Merriam referred him to speak with staff in Monterey County.

4) Appropriate Motion(s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Vega, seconded by Vice-Chair Radin, and carried by the following vote approve the following recommendation:

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BY MOTION, RECOMMEND TO THE WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (APR) FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE ADOPTED 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT SUBMITTAL OF THE REPORTS TO THE STATE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (HCD) AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR)

5) Deliberation

Vice-Chair Radin shared this recommendation is a retrospective of the 2023 calendar year and an appeal to this recommendation may not be likely.

6) Vice-Chair Calls for a Vote on Motion(s)

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Radin, Sencion, Vega
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: Rojas, Veitch-Olson


6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary Merriam invited the Planning Commission to attend the next Special Council Meeting on Saturday, March 23, 2024, to discuss the unhoused population.

Commissioner Vega and Vice-Chair Acosta requested to have the Planning Commission 2024 schedule.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Acosta adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

DocuSigned by:

Suzi Merriam, Secretary
Planning Commission

DocuSigned by:

Ed Acosta, Chair
Planning Commission



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Angie Manson

30 Year Anniversary

May 17, 2024

- WHEREAS,** Angie's struggles with substance abuse began at the tender age of 11, as growing up in Reno, Nevada provided easy access to substances; and
- WHEREAS,** by the age of 18, Angie had experienced family interventions and treatment center stays and continued to struggle with addiction; and
- WHEREAS,** it was during one of her stays in treatment that she began truly working and giving back, developing a passion for helping others; and
- WHEREAS,** Angie has discovered her purpose, which is helping others who are struggling with addiction, and is grateful to have been put on the path to live her true calling; and
- WHEREAS,** inspired by her grandparents' belief in her and her mother's belief tough love, Angie learned how to care for herself and others; and
- WHEREAS,** as the CEO of Elevate Addiction Services, the only drug rehab in the country to have a CrossFit gym, Angie is passionate about health and fitness; and
- WHEREAS,** she is the host of The Going Rouge Podcast and a recent recipient of the Forbes Riley Outstanding Humanitarian Award; and
- WHEREAS,** under Angie's leadership, Elevate Addiction Services won the "Excellence in Treatment" GOLD Award from Conquer Addiction; and
- WHEREAS,** Angie has been featured in multiple articles such as LA Weekly, Recovery Today, CrossFit, and many more; and
- WHEREAS,** Angie was a contributor to the international #1 Best Seller, 1 Habit for Entrepreneurial Success and The Greatest Lessons I Learned from Being an Entrepreneur, Volume 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Angie Manson, CEO of Elevate Addiction Services on her 30-year anniversary in business and sobriety and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 17th day of May, Two thousand and twenty-four.


Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Cyndi Valdez

May 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Cyndi Valdez was born and raised in the beautiful city of Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, she is a former PVUSD student who began her journey in higher education at Cabrillo College and later obtained a B.A. in Politics from UC Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, her love for learning along with her passion for public service pushed her to continue her education, which led her to recently graduate with a Master's in Public Administration from San Jose State University; and

WHEREAS, Cyndi takes pride in her full-time work as a Data Manager with Families in Transition, a local non-profit whose overall mission is to prevent and end homelessness; and

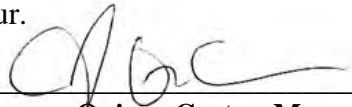
WHEREAS, as a local maker and lover of the arts, she has become involved with the organization Arte del Corazón as the event committee's secretary; and

WHEREAS, after becoming a member of the Pájaro Valley César Chávez Democratic Club, Cyndi immediately took on a leadership role as Treasurer and now also serves as the club representative for the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, she looks forward to continuing her work with the Club, and hopes that her community involvement inspires other young adults to participate in civic engagement and take on local leadership roles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Cyndi Valdez for her contributions to the betterment of our community and wish her continued success in her efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 18th day of May, Two thousand and twenty-four.



Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor



WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Dr. Gina DeSHERA

May 15, 2024

WHEREAS, Dr. Gina DeSHERA has developed the Dance Curriculum and the Spanish for Spanish Speakers Curriculum by teaching students at Lakeview Middle School for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA has brought Folklorico dance and the cultures from the different regions of Mexico to her Dance Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA has also taught afterschool programs for many years, bringing middle and high school students together to perform; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA has brought students to a level of expertise to perform concerts at Lakeview Middle School, at the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts, and other community venues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA studied, choreographed, and has brought her unique footwork style, The Calabaceado, to performing groups; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA's performing arts events bring together families and community members of North and South Counties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeSHERA has engaged and educated students in the classroom for 36 years, building confidence, presentation skills, and creating community partnerships in the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate Dr. DeSHERA, her decades of teaching, her extraordinary dance program, and her dedication to the performing arts, which has expanded our community's awareness and enjoyment of the rich culture of Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby declare May 15th, 2024, as Dr. Gina DeSHERA Day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 15th day of May, Two thousand and twenty-four.



Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Roy Recio

May 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Roy Recio is a third-generation Filipino American born and raised on the Beach labor camp in Watsonville; and

WHEREAS, he attended Amesti Elementary School, Rolling Hills Middle School, is a 1986 graduate of Watsonville High School, and holds a degree in journalism from Humboldt State University; and

WHEREAS, Roy is an Eagle Scout from Troop 510 out of the old Freedom Fire House; and

WHEREAS, he has a long history of community organizing and advocacy in the Filipino community in the Bay Area, fighting for workers' rights, Filipino World War II veterans' equity, and anti-displacement and affordable housing issues; and

WHEREAS, Roy was an elected member of the San Francisco DCCC; and

WHEREAS, after his mother passed away in 2018, Roy founded the Tobera Project in 2019, which serves to honor and preserve the rich Filipino history of the Pájaro Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Tobera Project also aims to educate and raise awareness of the struggles, vitality, and contributions of the Manong generation who first settled in the Pájaro Valley in the early 1920s; and

WHEREAS, the Tobera Project has been instrumental in spotlighting their experiences by first-hand family accounts through photos, artifacts, articles, and oral histories.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Roy Recio for his contributions to continuously highlight and advocate for the Filipino community and recognize the success of the Tobera Project.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 18th day of May, Two thousand and twenty-four.


Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor