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MARCH 22, 2022

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MINUTES**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE****January 18, 2022****6:06 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 brief summary of action taken.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Veitch-Olson announced that Commissioner Cole notified her that she would be absent and recommended an excused absence for Commissioner Cole.

Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson, Vice-Chair Dorantes-Pulido and Commissioners Ed Acosta, Daniel Dodge (arrived at 6:27 p.m.), Anna Kammer, Lucy Rojas were present. Commissioner Cole was absent.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Suzi Merriam, Director of Parks and Community Services Nick Calubaquib, Principal Planner Justin Meek, Senior Utilities Engineer Robert Berry, Associate Planner Ivan Carmona, City Interpreter Carlos Landaverry, City Interpreter Angelica Jauregui, Administrative Analyst Maria Elena Ortiz, Executive Assistant Deborah Muniz, and Permit Technician Celia Castro.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Veitch-Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Kammer stated many people honored Martin Luther King's legacy by volunteering on January 17. She encouraged the public to continue to honor Mr. King by volunteering throughout the year. There are many local non-profits that need volunteers and there are plenty of opportunities.

C. PRESENTATION ON RAMSAY PARK RENAISSANCE PROJECT (35% DESIGN UPDATE)**1) Staff Report**

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Staff report was given by Director of Parks and Community Services Nick Calubaquib.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In addressing Chair Veitch-Olson's concern about the possibility of bees in the sensory garden area of Ramsay Park, Park and Community Services Director Calubaquib replied they would do their best to minimize the number of plants.

Both Commissioners Kammer and Dorantes-Pulido complimented on the proposed design and layout of the park and how it can be used by all levels of physical abilities.

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Park and Community Services Director Calubaquib replied that to his knowledge there has not been an existing agreement with any of the baseball Little Leagues since the early 2000's. The City has worked with Watsonville American Little League for their use at Pinto Lake Park. The adult softball league operated by the City calls Ramsay Park their home and uses the baseball field 4 to 5 nights a week.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dodge, seconded by Commissioner Rojas, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Acosta, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Cole

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 627) FOR AN AUTOMATED CAR WASH FOR AN EXISTING GAS STATION WITH MINI-MART LOCATED AT 1455 FREEDOM BOULEVARD (APN: 016-061-06)

1) Staff Report

Staff report was given by Associate Planner Carmona.

2) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Associate Planner Carmona stated the Special Use Permit (SUP) issued in 2013 was for an addition to the existing mini-mart. In 2014, a Special Use Permit with Design Review was approved

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for the construction of a carwash. The applicant/property owner had two years to finalize the Planning Commission's approval with issuance of a building permit. No building permit was issued for the approved project and, therefore, the approval expired in 2016.

In answering Commissioner Kammer, Associate Planner Carmona replied the existing entrance off of Alta Vista will be closed off and since the project did not meet ADA requirements, they will be installing a handicap ramp off of Alta Vista, which will be up to code.

In answering Commissioner Acosta, Associate Planner Carmona replied only site plans with elevations were required to be submitted by the applicant. 3D renderings and isometric drawings are usually submitted for more elaborate development projects.

3) Applicant Presentation

Shashi Sharma, property owner gave his presentation. He thanked Associate Planner Carmona for his work and assistance. Mr. Sharma mentioned car washes are environmentally friendly since it only takes 20-25 gallons of water to wash one car compared to using 100 to 150 gallons of water to wash one car at home. He explained the reasons why he was not able to get the building permit in 2014.

4) Planning Commission Clarifying & Technical Questions

Commissioner Dodge thanked Mr. Sharma for his project and for the enhancements he is making to the business.

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Mr. Sharma replied the landscaping that is being installed was recommended by City staff.

In answering Commissioner Rojas, Associate Planner Carmona replied there is a designated area to vacuum the interior of your car and to put air in your tires.

In answering Commissioner Dodge, Associate Planner Carmona stated there is sufficient on-site parking for the business.

5) Public Hearing

Chair Veitch-Olson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Veitch-Olson closed the public hearing.

6) Appropriate Motion (s)

MAIN MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Kammer, seconded by Commissioner Acosta, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-22 (PC):

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH DESIGN REVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (APPLICATION NO. 627) TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A ±1,600 SQUARE FOOT AUTOMATED MECHANICAL CAR WASH FOR AN EXISTING GAS STATION WITH MINI-MART LOCATED AT 1455 FREEDOM BOULEVARD, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN 016-061-06)

7) Deliberation

Commissioner Dodge stated he supports the motion and complimented on the water recycling component of the project.

8) Chair calls for a Vote on Motion (s)

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Acosta, Dodge, Dorantes-Pulido, Kammer, Rojas, Veitch-Olson
 NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
 ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Cole

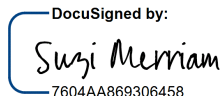
6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Community Development Director Suzi Merriam gave her report. She introduced new Permit Technician Celia Castro. She announced a virtual public workshop regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant program will be held on January 26 at 6:00 p.m. and the Downtown Specific Plan Advisory Committee will hold a virtual meeting on February 10 at 5:30 p.m. Refer to the City's website for additional information regarding both meetings.

Habitat for Humanity will build 9-12 residential units in the future at 36 Airport Boulevard.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veitch-Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

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 Planning Commission

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Veronica Dorantes-Pulido, Vice-Chair
 Planning Commission



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

Darrie Ganzhorn 2022 Hunger Fighter of the Year March 3, 2022

WHEREAS, Darrie is executive director of the Homeless Garden Project in Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Darrie has been working and volunteering at Homeless Garden Project for over 30 years and began outreach to those with limited resources, providing both nourishment and food cultivation instruction; and

WHEREAS, Darrie has ensured that those most vulnerable receive farm training and are given meaningful work; and

WHEREAS, Darrie has also initiated programs to share the fruits of Homeless Garden Project's labor by providing community-supported agriculture allotments; and

WHEREAS, Darrie works tirelessly and energetically to inspire and serve, and spread the joy of growing and sharing healthy food; and

WHEREAS, Darrie is the face of Homeless Garden Project whose dedication, dependability, and steadfast commitment to her work in combating food insecurity serves as an example for all to follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ari Parker, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Darrie Ganzhorn on being honored as Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County's 2022 Hunger Fighter of the Year, and for her extraordinary contributions to nutrition and health throughout the county.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 3rd day of March, Two thousand and twenty two.

Ari Parker, Mayor





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

Jose Guzman 100th Birthday March 19, 2022

- WHEREAS,** Jose Guzman's loved ones wish to honor his journey through life of 100 years and counting; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose was born in Araró, Michoacán, México on March 19th, 1922; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose learned independence at a young age, having lost both his mother and father far too soon; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose emigrated from his home country as a teenager, arriving in Chicago, Illinois to work in the railroads and later in the mushroom fields; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose returned to México in his mid-30's, when he met his wife Maria Victoria; and
- WHEREAS,** they married in 1959, and had four children, Blanca, Alberto, Maria, and Jose Jr.; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1974, Jose made the tough decision to leave his family in México while he came to work in the strawberry fields; and
- WHEREAS,** a few years later, Jose was able to help his wife immigrate and join him in Watsonville and in 1978 their kids did so as well, establishing roots and making a home; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose and Maria loved to dance and would often spend hours doing so at family gatherings before she passed away in 2019, and is dearly missed by both her husband and kids; and
- WHEREAS,** Jose is currently a very active participant at the Senior Center, and continues to dance when presented with the opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ari Parker, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby extend sincere congratulations to Jose Guzman on his milestone 100th birthday with wishes for many more joyful years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 19th day of March, Two thousand and twenty two.

Ari Parker

Ari Parker, Mayor



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

Richard & Mary Travis 2022 “Al Smith Friend of Agriculture” March 16, 2022

- WHEREAS,** Richard and Mary Travis can best be described as passionate and caring volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard and Mary were married right out of high school, during Richard’s time as a volunteer firefighter; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard served two years in the Army in Vietnam and upon his return, started coaching Tee Ball, Little League, and Pony League while Mary joined him as scorekeeper and announcer; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard and Mary’s daughter Cynthia was interested in horses, which led them to purchase a ranch right here in Watsonville; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard and Mary were both part of California Horseman’s Association, he as president and she as secretary; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard and Mary help with Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds’ annual horse show, sponsor the Heritage Hog Scholarship, 4-H scholarships and awards, and volunteer at Farm Bureau and Agri-Culture events; and
- WHEREAS,** Richard is one of the creators of Santa Cruz County Fair Foundation, does volunteer maintenance at the fairgrounds, and handles all alcohol sale events at the County Fair; and
- WHEREAS,** Mary is also very involved with the Fair, putting together the Junior Livestock Auction Champion Blankets, managing the 28 department heads and assisting them in setting up each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Mary and Richard are constantly seeking ways to help their beloved community, and are examples of true dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ari Parker, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Richard and Mary Travis on receiving the 2022 “Al Smith Friend of Agriculture” award from Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau and commend them for their tireless efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 16th day of March, Two thousand and twenty two.


Ari Parker, Mayor





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

Veronica Diaz

March 5, 2022

- WHEREAS,** Veronica Diaz has been a licensed home daycare provider for 20 years, bringing heartfelt passion and sense of purpose to her classroom; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica initially worked as a housekeeper for many years, commuting from Watsonville to Santa Cruz on a regular basis; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica's goal was always to provide a better future for her family, which led her to enroll in evening classes at Cabrillo Community College; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica earned her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education and made the Dean's List every semester, graduating with a 3.8 GPA; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica then opened a daycare with a primary focus on migrant children, which resulted in a collaboration with the Migrant/Head Start program; and
- WHEREAS,** together they provide meals, health, and counseling services for children and their parents; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica has mentored 30 childcare providers, helping them navigate the complexities of government permitting and reporting, and becoming more proficient teachers; and
- WHEREAS,** Veronica was an active participant in the fight to have childcare providers represented by a union, advocating to Governor Newsom in the process; and
- WHEREAS,** it is because of Veronica and many others like her that Childcare Providers United, Local 521 was established.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ari Parker, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Veronica Diaz for her tireless work in favor of children and families in the community, and building a long lasting pathway and legacy to inspire others who wish to do the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 5th day of March, Two thousand and twenty two.



Ari Parker, Mayor



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