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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of
Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spears called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Spears, Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Catalano, Denison, Desai,
Frierman-Hunt

Absent: Commissioner Pevsner

Staff: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Leticia Cardoso, Planning Manager
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
Theresa Highsmith, City Attorney

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Director Gonzalez announced that Planning Manager Cardoso has accepted a position with the City of Claremont. Chair Spears commended her work and said that she will be sorely missed. The Commission echoed his sentiment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Frierman-Hunt moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hutt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2018

Commissioner Denison moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hutt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Amy Hanrahan
Orange Grove Ave.

Ms. Hanrahan stated that she currently runs an at home business, teaching dance at schools. She stated that she wants to open a studio, but the requirement of a Conditional Use Permit and the current parking requirement is prohibitive. She also expressed a desire to bring arts and enrichment to the community.

CONSENT

1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 16-05 (CUP 16-05); DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMIT 17-10 (DDP 17-10)

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51 Commissioner Hutt noted that the prohibition of employee parking in rear lot is to allow
52 for a possible future outdoor dining provision.
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54 **ACTION: Commissioner Hutt moved to ratify Planning Commission Resolution**
55 **17-11. Commissioner Catalano seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
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57 **DISCUSSION**
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59 **1. REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.68 –**
60 **PARKING.**
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62 Director Gonzalez delivered the Staff Report.
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64 Chair Spears stated that this is an issue that will need to be addressed, because it is
65 limiting the types of businesses that are coming into town.

66 The Commission agreed by consensus that they are generally in favor of relaxing the
67 current parking standards. The Commission reviewed the current municipal code
68 parking requirement for various uses. The Commission intends to conduct their review
69 and make amendments that would encourage the use of City parking lots and
70 walkability.

71 The Commission discussed what would be accepted for a parking study.

72 The Commission also discussed a distance limitation between similar occupancies.
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74 The Commission stated that they are in favor of having the Public Works Director come
75 to future meeting to discuss a potential Downtown Parking District Assessment.
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77 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**
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79 **Audience**

80 None.
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82 **Planning Commission**

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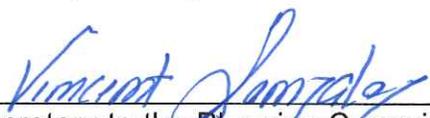
85 **Planning & Community Preservation Staff**

86 Director Gonzalez stated that there are no items for the February 15th meeting.

87 He stated that there are potentially two items for review at the first meeting in March.

88 He also stated that he anticipates having the Non-Conforming Commercial Uses ready
89 for discussion by the Commission for the second meeting in March.
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91 Chair Spears adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 8:55 p.m.
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96 Secretary to the Planning Commission

96 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation