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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of
Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

8 **CALL TO ORDER**

10 Chair Spears called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

12 **ROLL CALL**

14 Present: Chair Spears, Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Catalano, Denison, Desai,
15 Pevsner
16 Absent: Commissioner Frierman-Hunt
17 Staff: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
18 Leticia Cardoso, Planning Manager
19 Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
20 Terri Highsmith, City Attorney

22 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24 Commissioner Catalano moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Denison
25 seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

27 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2017**

29 Vice Chair Hutt requested that line #10 be corrected to read "Chair Spears called the
30 meeting to order". He also requested that line #141 be corrected to read "Additional
31 fenestration on the east elevation"

33 Vice Chair Hutt moved to approve the minutes with noted corrections, Commissioner
34 Catalano seconded. Motion carried with Commissioner Pevsner abstaining.

36 **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

38 None.

40 **DISCUSSION**

42 **DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER**
43 **17.56 – NON CONFORMING USES ORDINANCE**

45 Planning Manager Cardoso delivered the Staff Report. Vice Chair Hutt shared about
46 the subcommittee background and delivered a report on their work.

48 Chair Spears thanked Vice Chair Hutt for taking on the majority of workload of the
49 subcommittee. He also commended staff on the creation of the table. He suggested
50 starting the discussion with the table
51 Commissioner Catalano inquired about the need for the revision of this ordinance, and
52 of the number of issues that staff sees. Planning Manager Cardoso provided that
53 information.

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55 The Commission discussed the impact of revising versus not revising the code.

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57 The Commission reviewed the redline matrix. The Commission provided staff direction
58 to revise and return with draft ordinance.

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60 **Recently Signed Affordable Housing Bills**

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62 City Attorney Highsmith stated that her presentation will take a minimum of a half hour.
63 She stated that she would prefer to allow sufficient time for adequate and thorough
64 discussion.

65 The Commission agreed by consensus to continue to this item to the next meeting.
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68 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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70 **Audience**

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74 **Planning Commission**

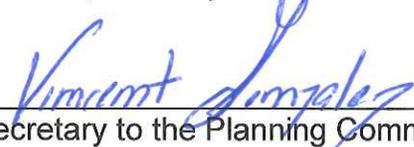
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76 Commissioner Catalano shared that he had attended the Highland Mews dedication
77 event. He stated that it is a great example of adaptive reuse.

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80 **Planning & Community Preservation Staff**

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82 Director Gonzalez stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will be on
83 November 16, 2017, at which the Commission will receive the City Attorney's report on
84 the Legislative Housing Bills.

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86 Director Gonzalez announced that the Honors Dinner will be held on December 7, 2017
87 which conflicts with the first Planning Commission meeting in December.

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90 Chair Spears adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 10:50 p.m.

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95 Secretary to the Planning Commission

95 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation