



CITY of CALABASAS

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS
CALIFORNIA, HELD THURSDAY JULY 6, 2023 AT 6:00PM**

Opening Matters:

Call to Order/Roll Call of the Commissioners

Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA.

Chair Harrison noted that Commissioner Fassberg would be attending the meeting utilizing Zoom teleconferencing means. He noted that Assembly Bill 2449 allows commissioners to participate in meetings remotely due to just cause or emergency circumstances. By a vote of the Commission members present in the City Council chambers, Commissioner Fassberg was permitted to participate remotely as an emergency circumstance because of health reasons. Accordingly, under AB 2449, all votes taken during the meeting would be taken via roll call

Present: Chair Harrison, Vice Chair Lia, Commissioners Washburn, Byrne, Fassberg (via Zoom) and Mueller

Absent: None

Staff: Matthew Summers, City Attorney; Michael Klein, Community Development Director; Tom Bartlett, City Planner; Glenn Michitsch, Senior Planner, Jaclyn Rackerby, Planner.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Planner Glenn Michitsch.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Washburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Lia, to approve the meeting agenda of July 6, 2023.

Ayes: Chair Harrison, Vice chair Lia, Commissioners Fassberg, Byrne and Washburn

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5/0

Announcements and Introductions:

Commissioner Washburn commended staff for the 2023 July 4th Spectacular event, as the best the City has seen. Secondly, he shared that local artist, Mel Wolf, had passed away and requested the meeting be adjourned in his honor.

Oral Communications – Public Comment:

For persons wishing to address the Planning Commission on matters applicable to the Commission but not on the agenda.

None

Consent Items:

1. Adoption of Resolution 2023-755, approving File No(s). SPR-2022-005, consistent with the Commission's direction on June 15, 2023.

Commissioner Washburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, to approve Resolution No. 2023-755 with modifications as discussed by the Commission.

Ayes: Chair Harrison, Commissioners Lia, Byrne, Washburn and Fassberg.

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5/0

2. Approval of meeting minutes: June 15, 2023.

Commissioner Lia moved, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, to approve minutes of the June 15, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

Ayes: Chair Harrison, Commissioners Lia, Byrne, Washburn and Mueller.

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: Commissioner Fassberg

Motion Carried: 5/0

New Business:

3. Consideration of modification(s) to the City's Story Pole requirements for a proposed mixed-use project located at 4799 Commons Way (Continued from June 15, 2023).

Director Klein made a presentation to the Commission via a Power Point presentation.

Speakers: Chamil Hettiarachi, Patti Mardell, Mike Attar, Robert Klass, Joe Chilco

Ms. Robertson, Applicant made a presentation to the Commission via a Power Point presentation.

Following discussion, Commissioner Fassberg moved to approve the alternate proposal to story poles as depicted in the June 28, 2023 letter provided by the Applicant, attached as Exhibit A, and the illustrative story pole concept plan, depicted in Exhibit B.; seconded by Commissioner Washburn.

Ayes: Commissioner Fassberg, Commissioner Washburn
Noes: Chair Harrison, Commissioners Lia and Byrne.
Absent: None
Abstained: None

Motion Failed: 2/3

Future Agenda Items and Reports:

4. Director's Report. Director Klein noted that there will be a public hearing item presented at the regular July 20th Commission meeting and another one to be presented on August 3rd.
5. Reports from Members of the Planning Commission.

Chair Harrison requested an update on the new State of California laws allowing applicants to build by right projects. City Attorney Summers stated that he would provide a memo to the Commission.

Adjournment:

At 7:55 PM, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission, in memory of Mel Wolf.