



COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE
Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 23, 2024 – 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Vasquez at 5:30 p.m.

Present – 3: Crystal Vasquez (vice chair), Debbie Darden, Albert Sanchez

Absent – 1: James Sponsler (chair)

*Committee Staff: Rob Holt, Planning and Development Department
Gabriela Olea, District 3 Council Office*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Committee Member Darden, seconded by Committee Member Sanchez, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye – 3: Debbie Darden, Albert Sanchez, Crystal Vasquez (vice chair)

Absent – 1: James Sponsler (chair)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Committee Member Darden, seconded by Committee Member Sanchez, the MINUTES for the April 23, 2024 meeting were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye – 3: Debbie Darden, Albert Sanchez, Crystal Vasquez (vice chair)

Absent – 1: James Sponsler (chair)

4. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PROJECT REVIEW

A. Workshop – Committee Training

City staff, Phillip Siegrist, presented the item to the Committee.

The Committee asked questions pertaining to the processes of the various entitlement application types and timelines of the various entitlement application types.

City staff responded to the questions posed by the Committee.

B. Tower District Specific Plan Update

City staff, Adrienne Asadoorian, presented the item to the Committee.

The Committee had questions regarding pertaining to City staff's personal experience on implementing the plan, possibilities for future updates to Tower to be led by City staff that lives in Tower District, the 30-day public comment period, standard process/timeline for future

updates to the plan after it has been implemented, appeal process/timelines after adoption of the plan, ensure that any plan-specific committees consist of residents in Tower District, .

City staff responded to the questions posed by the Committee.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCILPERSON

Chief of Staff, Gabriela Olea, informed the Committee about the Cesar Chavez Boulevard name change is completed and there will be a celebration at Fresno Center on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., and South Central Specific Plan is open for public comment and will be closing on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Committee Member Sanchez asked how the Committee could support ArtHop.

Committee Member Darden asked if the vendors at ArtHop had the proper permits to operate.

Committee Member Darden asked if there was a design for the City park being developed in southwest Fresno near Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and East Church Avenue.

Committee Member Darden asked on if the Councilmember had a response to the moving of the park at East Kearney Boulevard and Fresno Street.

Committee Member Sanchez asked if there is a timeframe for when Selland Arena will receive an update to their lighting.

Committee Member Vasquez (vice chair) expressed concerns of increased traffic on West Olive Avenue due to the West Belmont Avenue closing near State Route 99.

Committee Member Sanchez expressed concern of the lack of a pedestrian crosswalk at/near the intersection of North Fulton Street and East Nevada Avenue.

Committee Member Darden asked if there is an update to the Tulare Street, Ventura Avenue, and Church Avenue underpasses.

Committee Member Darden asked if there is an update on the overgrown oleander bushes and dying palm trees on Kearney Boulevard.

Committee Member Darden asked the timeline for Parks and Recreation on the old centers that Measure P is being used for.

Committee Member Vasquez (vice chair) asked if road updates will occur for the area surrounding the DMV.

Committee Member Darden asked for an update on the homeless situation in southwest Fresno along with mobile homes and broken down cars.

Chief of Staff Olea responded to the questions and concerns posed by the Committee.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee, having concluded all business, adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

You can find the recording of the meeting at the following link: <https://fresno.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

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