

City of Calimesa
Action Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Planning Commission
Monday, February 13, 2023

The Planning Commission will be conducting this meeting in the Norton Younglove Senior Center. Members of the public may participate in this meeting in one of two ways:

- 1) In person at the Norton Younglove Senior Center, 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa, CA 92320.
- 2) By viewing the meeting on **Facebook Live**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/cityof.calimesa>

Submission of Public Comments: If attending the meeting and maintaining appropriate social distancing, public comment will be allowed by completing a yellow speaker slip and providing it to the Commission Secretary at the meeting. Otherwise, public comment will be accepted via email. Please send comments via email to the Commission Secretary at ybenison@cityofcalimesa.net. Identify public comment or the specific agenda item you wish to comment on in your email's subject line. You may submit comments on any agenda item. Emailed comments must be submitted by **5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023** and will be read into the record by the Commission Secretary. Electronic comments on agenda items may only be submitted via email and comments via text and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) will not be accepted.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Barron.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Barron, Vice-Chair Cundieff, Commissioner Brittingham, Commissioner Champenios, Commissioner Keith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Lucia, Planning Director (Attended Remotely), Selenne Sevilla, Associate Planner, Brendan Kearns, Assistant City Attorney, Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Barron

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Pat Tate of 1250 Pinehurst Dr., spoke in opposition to warehouse projects in the City of Calimesa. Tate shared a concern of the additional environmental and infrastructure impacts that these projects would have on the community.

David Zaits of 1354 Chestnut Rd, spoke in opposition to warehouse projects in the City of Calimesa. He expressed concern of the traffic that the construction of the Cherry Valley Warehouse would generate, as well as any additional warehouse projects. Zaits recommended a moratorium on future warehouse projects.

John Gates of 9633 Rosedale Dr., inquired about the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process of approval for the Oak Valley North Project and the timeline of which it would be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Lilly Gao of 1554 Chestnut Rd, (with the assistance of translator) spoke in opposition to any future warehouse projects and offered a few suggestions for the surrounding neighborhood.

Danae Delaney of 223 Tanglewood Dr., spoke in opposition to any warehouse projects in the City of Calimesa. Referenced a document entitled a region in crisis that would help residents assess the effects of warehouses on the community. Made a request of the Commissioners to stop entitling developers and follow the mission statement of the City to preserve open space.

Malulani Beale of 1043 Raven Ct, spoke in opposition to warehouse projects in the City of Calimesa. Shared a concern of the additional traffic that would impact the already heavy traffic on the interstate and on and off ramps of Cherry Valley Blvd. Added an additional concern of the harmful particulates emitted by diesel engines that residents would breathe in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Special Planning Commission Meeting

ACTION: MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRITTINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KEITH, CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE THE ACTION MINTUES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2023, SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AS WRITTEN.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

The order of business for the Public Hearing shall be:

- A. Open Public Hearing**
- B. Staff Presentation**
- C. Applicant/Representative Presentation**
- D. Public Testimony**
- E. Applicant Rebuttal (if necessary)**
- F. Public Testimony Closed**
- G. Close Public Hearing**
- H. Commission Discussion**
- I. Commission Motion and Vote**

Item 2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-01 AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW 22-01 TO ALLOW A T-MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON AN EXISTING EDISON TOWER

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission:

- a. Adopt Resolution 2023-01, approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 22-01 and Development Plan Review (DPR) 22-01 subject to the conditions of approval.***
- b. Find the project categorically exempt in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b), of the CEQA Guidelines.***

Chairperson Barron opened the public hearing.

Assistant City Attorney Kearns advised that Commissioner Keith has reviewed the project and assessed that he can make a fair and unbiased decision. Therefore, Commissioner Keith will not need to recuse himself.

Associate Planner Sevilla presented the project and summarized the staff report. Assistant City Attorney Kearns advised that staff has made a slight modification in the Resolution to clarify the applicant's information in relation to T-Mobile and contractor Smartlink. A representative from Smartlink, Barbara Saito is present and available for questions.

Danae Delaney of 223 Tanglewood Dr. shared a concern of radiation or negative effects caused by the cell tower to the nearby homes. Danae continued that she would like to continue the conversation with her voting delegates as the Commissioners are the deciding body.

Assistant City Attorney Kearns advised the public testimony portion is to voice and share concerns with the Commission any additional extended questioning would require staff input at different time. Representative Saito advised that all cell towers are built and conform to all FCC guidelines and regulations.

Chairperson Barron Closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: MOTION BY CHAIR BARRON, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR CUNDIEFF, CARRIED 5-0. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-01, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) 22-01 AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW (DPR) 22-01 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301(B), OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

PC RESOLUTION 2023-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALIMESA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-01 AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW 22-01 AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW 73' TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND RELATED EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF DESERT LAWN DRIVE AND BROOKSIDE AVENUE INTERSECTION IN THE COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) ZONE DESIGNATION (APN: 400-010-007)

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Champenois -	Thanked staff.
Commissioner Cundieff –	Thanked staff.
Commissioner Keith -	None.

Vice-Chair Brittingham - None.

Chair Barron - Thanked staff.

PLANNING MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS:

No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Norton Younglove Multipurpose Senior Center, located at 908 Park Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,



Yaiza Benson
Planning Commission Secretary

APPROVED BY COMMISSION

April 10, 2023

Approved by Council:

April 17, 2023