

City of Calimesa
Action Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Planning Commission
Monday, April 10, 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 ybenenson@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, April 10, 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, Selenne Sevilla, Associate Planner, Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Barron

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Lynn Ernst of 35530 Champagne Dr., spoke in opposition to warehouse projects in the City of Calimesa. Ernst further stated a displeasure of warehouse projects that may have been approved during the COVID19 closures when the public could not attend meetings.

Submitted via email and provided to Commissioners and the Media

Bill and Joan Fritz of 838 Hilltop Ct., Calimesa, Chairperson Barron and Commissioners: We are extremely concerned about the planned and proposed warehouses in Calimesa. According to San Bernardino County Indicators, in 2019, only 15-20% of the days had "good" air quality in Riverside and San Bernardino counties according to EPA data. The rest of the days were recorded as "moderate" to "very unhealthy." (See the chart at the end of this article) <https://indicators.sbcounty.gov/environment/air-quality/>. In addition, according to the American Lung Association, our two counties were rated the two worst in the entire US for ozone pollution,

and in the top 11 for particulate pollution in 2022. <https://www.lung.org/getmedia/74b3d3d3-88d1-4335-95d8-c4e47d0282c1/SOTA-2022.pdf> With the addition of more warehouses, this will become even worse. There is justifiably a great concern regarding the health of children, to which we agree. However, with a large senior population in Calimesa, that is another group which will be hugely impacted with a decreased air quality. The senior communities of Sharondale and Rancho Calimesa will be directly adjacent to one of the proposed sites, as well as Singleton Heights and JP Ranch, home to both families and retirees. Here is the City of Calimesa's mission and vision: **Mission:** To preserve and enhance the open space atmosphere and quality of life in Calimesa. **Vision:** The City of Calimesa is dedicated to remaining a community that honors its beautiful natural setting through open space preservation, wildlife corridors, and extensive trail systems, as well as enriching the quality of life for Calimesa through sensitive planning that creates increased business activity, local jobs, new parks, and schools. We believe that there are creative members of your commission as well as creative members of the community who could work together to find a different use of the Oak Valley North project that would be more beneficial to the city, the residents and would be more reflective of the Mission and Vision statements. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023

- a. **REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
- b. **SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARKS, TRAILS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING**

ACTION: MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR CUNDIEFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMPENIOS, CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE THE ACTION MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023, REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AND THE SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE PLANNING AND PARKS, TRAILS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONS AS WRITTEN.

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 22-05 TO ALLOW A TATTOO PARLOR SHOP TO OPERATE IN AN EXISTING 251-SQUARE FOOT TENANT SPACE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission:

- a. **Adopt Resolution 2023-02, approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP)**

22-05 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.

Chairperson Barron opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Sevilla presented the project and summarized the staff report. The applicant, Ashley Venmendes, is present and available for questions from the Commissioners.

There was no public testimony.

Chairperson Barron Closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: MOTION BY CHAIR BARRON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRITTINGHAM, CARRIED 5-0. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-02, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) 22-05 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 2023-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALIMESA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-05 A REQUEST BY ASHLEY VAZMENDES TO OPERATE HIDDEN GEM TATTOO, A NEW TATTOO PARLOR SHOP WITHIN AN EXISTING 251 SQUARE FOOT TENANT SPACE. NO NEW CONSTRUCTION IS PROPOSED. THE TENANT SPACE IS LOCATED AT 555 W COUNTY LINE ROAD (APN 411-100-014)

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS:

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| Commissioner Brittingham - | Thanked staff. |
| Commissioner Champenios – | Mentioned that she and a fellow Commissioner attended the League of California Cities Planning Academy and found the conference to be very informative |
| Commissioner Keith - | None. |
| Vice-Chair Cundieff - | Shared Commissioner Champenios sentiments on the Planning Academy. Took a moment to mention to the public that all public comments are welcome, and do not go unheard as their voices are important. |
| Chair Barron - | Reminded the public of the Land Use and Entitlement Workshop that will be held on April 22, 2023, at 1pm with the City Council and Planning Commission. |

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Also wanted to mention a quick reminder of the upcoming Land Use and Entitlement Workshop on April 22, and advised of another City Event taking place earlier that day is the Calimesa Community Clean Up and Earth Day event that will be held at Mesa View Middle School from 8am to 12pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission on Monday, May 8, 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

May 8, 2023

Approved by Council:

May 15, 2023