

# CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

# MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Joint Special Meeting of the South Pasadena Community Services Commission and the Public Art Commission was called to order by Chair Vogel on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:28 P.M. The City Council Chambers is located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL:** 

**PRESENT** 

Chair

Gabriel Vogel

Vice Chair

Bryan Samuels Lela Bissner

Commissioner Commissioner

Leslie Albe Field

Commissioner Commissioner

Mackenzie Z. Moore Stephen Plotkin

Council Liaison

Jack Donovan

**ABSENT** 

Commissioner

Anthony W. Lai (Excused Absence)

**ROLL CALL:** 

**PRESENT** 

Chair

Annalee Andres

Commissioner

Michael Seel

Commissioner

Jeffrey Burke

Commissioner

Doloris Piazza

Council Liaison

Janet Braun

**ABSENT** 

Vice Chair

Rina Crystal Velasco (Excused Absence)

Melissa Snyder, Community Services Supervisor, announced a quorum.

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director; Alison Becker, Interim Community Development Director; Melissa Snyder, Community Services Supervisor; and Tatianna Marin, Acting Assistant Planner were present at Roll Call.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Flag Salute was led by Commissioner Bissner.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

# 1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS) None

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

## 2. ARROYO SECO GOLF COURSE COMPREHENSIV PLAN DRAFT PRESENTATION

Community Services Director Hakobian introduced the item and introduced Forrest Richardson with Forrest Richardson Golf Course Artchitect to make his presentation.

Overall, the comprehensive plan was positively received by both Commissions. The primary concern, however, is the projected cost of the project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT- CONTINUED**

### 3. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT-GENERAL

Barbara Eisenstein raised a concern about the plan extending into the Nature Park. However, the consultant clarified that there are no plans to expand the driving range into that area. She also questioned the legal implications regarding water from the Arroyo and the potential considerations during drought years. Additionally, Ms. Eisenstein inquired about the project's overall cost.

Dr. Richard Schneider expressed concerns regarding the Nature Park. He referenced a proposal from the pandemic period, which suggested replacing the clubhouse with a high-quality restaurant and a two-story building to generate additional revenue.

Bianca Richards praised the idea of restoring the mini-golf and appreciated the involvement of artists. She also expressed her approval of the new branding but suggested it could better reflect the full range of offerings in the Arroyo.

Nicholas J. Batch (via Zoom) inquired whether the horse trails would be impacted during the master plan construction. He also suggested the possibility of adding hitching rails and providing dining options for equestrians.

Dianne Domingo-Foraste (via Zoom) echoed Ms. Batch's comment and also shared her thoughts on the hill/terrace view.

Gary Pia (Submitted comment via Commissioner Bissner), he is in support of the plan.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters, Chair Vogel adjourned the meeting of the Community Services Commission at 8:19 P.M. to the next Regular Community Services Commission meeting scheduled for January 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucy Hakobian

**Community Services Director** 

APPROVED:

Bryan Samuels

Vice Chair

Lucy Hakobian

**Community Services Director** 

Approved at Community Services Commission Meeting: February 10, 2025