



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

April 6, 2023

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

6:45 P.M.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
BY THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK

COVID-19 Information: Masks are not required, however, please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or have other flu-like symptoms.

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Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: ARBGAST, CUNNINGHAM, LINDSAY, MONTANO, PAREDES, PEREZ,
RAMIREZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [March 2, 2023](#)

D. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. Planning Commission Orientation - Presentation on, and general discussion of, the role and jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and laws generally applicable to Planning Commission meetings and decisions, including the Brown Act and the Political Reform Act; state housing laws; and overview of the general plan, zoning code and municipal code.

D.2. Review of the [Code of Ethics](#)

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Ramirez
Vice Chair Lindsay
Commissioner Arestegui
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Lehman
Commissioner Perez

Absent: Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Perez

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

February 16, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Lindsay Second: Lehman
Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-121-2023 AND VARIANCE NO. V-039-2023 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND PARTRIDGE STREET AT 12692 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: ANHTHU NGUYEN (ASPIRE ASSOCIATES, LLC)
Date: March 2, 2023

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new 6,694 square foot one-story office building on the vacant and unimproved portion of a 1.09-acre property, along with associated site improvements. The existing 4,600 square foot, one-story commercial building on the property's southwest corner will remain unchanged. In conjunction with the request, the applicant requests a Variance

approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement of the Harbor Corridor Special Plan-Office Professional (HCSP-OP) zone, to develop the site with a new commercial building. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6056-23 was approved

Motion: Lindsay Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-123-2023 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NELSON STREET AND STANFORD AVENUE AT 10855 STANFORD AVENUE.

Applicant: ST. COLUMBAN SCHOOL

Date: March 2, 2023

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to demolish an existing lunch shelter and storage containers to construct a new 3,606 square foot lunch shelter and a new 1,640 square foot six-car garage/storage structure at a church site currently improved with a school, St. Columban School. Additional site improvements consist of new wrought-iron rolling gates and reconfiguration of parking stalls to accommodate the new structures. The site is in the CCSP-PR12 (Civic Center Specific Plan - Peripheral Residential (PR) District Area 12) zone. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Sections 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction and 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6059-23 was approved. One letter was submitted by Mary Campbell, with concerns of homeless and street vending in the area.

Motion: Lehman Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lehman Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Several Commissioners expressed that their service on the Planning Commission was an honor and thanked Staff for their support.

Vice Chair Lindsay stated that with the new housing standards introduced by the State, the existing infrastructures for increased density and capacity, such as with trash receptacles, electrical amps, water service, sewer output, gas meters, and fire access, need to be upgraded to support the new and existing development. Staff responded that though the concerns affect multi-departments, discussions with Southern California Edison are currently taking place, and staff will conduct more research and will provide an update to the Commission at a future meeting. Additionally, Vice Chair Lindsay announced a Chili Cook Off event to be held at East Gate Park this Saturday.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted that the March 16th meeting would be cancelled, and the April 6th meeting include the Code of Ethics review.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

**City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Planning Commission

From: Craig Beck

Dept:

Dept: Community & Economic
Development

Subject: REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS

Date: April 6, 2023

Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code comprises the City's Code of Ethics. Pursuant to that Chapter, the Planning Commission has a duty to review the Code of Ethics annually during their first meeting in the month of April; however, if the first meeting is cancelled, the review shall be re-scheduled to the next regular meeting.

Accordingly, the Code of Ethics is scheduled for your formal review at the Commission meeting of April 6, 2023. There is no resolution required; rather, your action will be documented in the minutes of the meeting.



CRAIG BECK

Interim Community and Economic Development Director

Attachment: Municipal Code Chapter 2.02

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Chapter 2.02 CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

2.02.005 Code Review

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2.02.005 Code Review

All official boards, commissions, and committees of the City are to formally review the following Code of Ethics provided in this chapter with their members annually during their first meeting in the month of April. New members are to be provided a copy of the Code of Ethics for their review when they are appointed or elected to each board, commission, or committee. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1437 § 1, 1975)

2.02.010 Declaration of Policy

The proper operation of municipal government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that governmental decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; and that public office not be used for personal gain. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.020 Responsibilities of Public Office

Public officials are all elective officials of the City and the members of all official boards, commissions, and committees of the City. Public officials and employees are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State and to carry out the laws of the nation, state, and municipality. Public officials and employees are bound to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their offices, regardless of personal considerations; recognizing that the public interest must be their primary concern, and that conduct in both their official and private affairs should be above reproach. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.030 Dedicated Service

Public officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or the officially recognized confidentiality of their work. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.040 Fair and Equal Treatment

Preferential consideration of the request or petition of any individual citizen or group of citizens shall not be given. No person shall receive special advantages beyond that which are available to any other citizen. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.050 Use of Public Property

No public official or employee shall request or permit the use of City-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as municipal policy for the use of such public official or employee in the conduct of official business. No public official or employee shall use the time of any City employee during working hours for personal convenience or profit. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.060 Obligations to Citizens

A. CONFLICT WITH PROPER DISCHARGE OF DUTIES. No public official or employee, while serving as such, shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed by law.

B. **INCOMPATIBLE EMPLOYMENT.** No public official or employee shall accept other employment that he or she has reason to believe will either impair his or her independence of judgment as to his or her official duties or require him or her or induce him or her to disclose confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of and by reason of his or her official duties.

C. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** No public official or employee shall willfully and knowingly disclose for pecuniary gain to any other person confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of and by reason of his or her official duties nor shall any public official or employee use any such information for the purpose of pecuniary gain.

D. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A conflict of interest exists in a matter before a public official for consideration or determination if:

1. The public official has a substantial financial or substantial personal interest in the outcome or as owner, member, partner, officer, employee, or stockholder of any corporation or other professional enterprise that will be affected by the outcome, and such interest is or may be adverse to the public interest in the proper performance of governmental duties by the public official;

2. The public official has reason to believe or expect that he or she will derive direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of his or her official activity;

3. The public official, because of bias, prejudice, or because he or she has prejudged a matter set for public hearing, is incapable because of such bias, prejudice or prejudgment of granting to the matter before him or her a fair and impartial hearing.

4. Personal interest as distinguished from financial interest is defined as including, among other matters, an interest arising from blood or marriage relationships, or close business association. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.070 Disclosure of Interest and Disqualification

A. Any Councilmember who has a conflict of interest as defined herein, in any matter before the City Council, shall disclose such fact on the record of the City Council and refrain from participating in any discussion of voting thereon, provided that such exceptions shall be observed as are required by law.

B. Any member of any official board, commission, or committee who has a conflict of interest as defined herein in any matter before the board, commission, or committee of which he or she is a member, shall disclose such fact on the record of such board, commission, or committee and refrain from participating in any discussion or voting thereon, provided that such exceptions shall be observed as are required by law.

C. Any employee who has a financial or other special interest in a matter before the City Council or any board, commission, or committee and who participates in discussion with, or gives an official opinion to the City Council, or to such board, commission, or committee relating to such matter, shall disclose on the record of the City Council or such board, commission, or committee, as the case may be, the nature and extent of such interest. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.080 Compliance with State Law

Public officials and employees of the City shall comply with applicable provisions of state law relative to conflicts of interest and generally regulating the conduct of public officials and employees. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.090 Violations—Actions

The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be:

- A. As to all City employees, grounds for dismissal from City employment;
- B. As to any appointed position on any board, commission, or committee, grounds for removal from any such board, commission, or committee;
- C. As to any prosecution of any elected public official, the City Council shall make findings of fact by at least a vote of three City Councilmembers that an elected public official has, in fact, violated this chapter as a prerequisite to prosecution. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.100 State Laws—Control

This chapter and its application are intended to be supplemental to and consistent with all applicable state laws. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

2.02.110 Violations—Penalty

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, is punishable as provided in Section [1.04.010](#) of this Code. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

Contact:

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