

# **Planning Commission**

## **DRAFT Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes**

March 24, 2025

5:30 P.M.

### **Council Chamber**

22 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA



### **JENNIFER OLIVA**

*Chair, Ward 6 Representative*

### **ISURI S. RAMOS**

*Vice-Chair,  
Ward 3 Representative*

### **CHRISTOPHER LEO**

*Citywide Representative*

### **MANUEL J. ESCAMILLA**

*Ward 2 Representative*

### **CARL BENNINGER**

*Ward 4 Representative*

### **BAO PHAM**

*Ward 3 Representative*

### **ALAN WOO**

*Ward 5 Representative*

### **Ali Pezeshkpour, AICP**

*Acting Executive Director*

### **Melissa M. Crosthwaite**

*Legal Counsel*

### **Ricardo Soto, AICP**

*Acting Planning Manager*

### **Nuvia Ocampo**

*Recording Secretary*



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**CALL TO ORDER****Commissioners:**

Jennifer Oliva, Chair  
 Isuri S. Ramos, Vice-Chair  
 Christopher Leo  
 Carl Benninger  
 Bao Pham  
 Manuel J. Escamilla  
 Alan Woo

Acting Executive Director  
 Senior Asst. City Attorney  
 Acting Planning Manager  
 Recording Secretary

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**ROLL CALL**

**Minutes:** *Quorum was reached at 5:35 p.m. with commissioner Escamilla arriving at 5:41 p.m.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Minutes:** *None.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****a. Minutes**

**Recommended Action:** Approve Minutes from March 10, 2025.

**b. Excused Absences**

**Recommended Action:** Excuse absent commissioners.

**Moved by Commissioner Woo, seconded by Commissioner Benninger to Approve Consent Calendar items.**

**YES:** 5 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 2 – Christopher Leo, Manuel J. Escamilla

**Status:** 5 – 0 – 0 – 2 – **Pass**

**\*End of Consent Calendar\*****BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**Public Hearing:** *The Planning Commission decision on Conditional Use Permits, Variances, Tentative Tract and Parcel Maps, Minor Exceptions, Site Plan Review, and Public Convenience or Necessity Determinations are final unless appealed within 10 days of the decision by any interested party or group (refer to the Basic Meeting Information page for more information). The Planning Commission recommendation on Zoning and General Plan amendments, Development Agreements, Specific Developments, and Specific Plans will be forwarded to the City Council for final determination. Legal notice was published in the OC Reporter on March 14, 2025, and notices were mailed on said date.*

**1. SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 2025-01, VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 2025-01, AND DENSITY BONUS AGREEMENT NO. 2025-01 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020 EAST FIRST STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C2) ZONE AND WITHIN THE ACTIVE URBAN (AU) DISTRICT OF THE METRO EAST MIXED-USE OVERLAY ZONE (MEMU)**

**Project Applicant:** Louisa Feletto with MLC Holdings, Inc. /Meritage Homes (Applicant) on behalf of Paul Miskowicz with 2020 E First, LLC (Property Owner)

**Proposed Project:** Applicant is requesting approval of Site Plan Review No. 2025-01, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 2025-01, and Density Bonus Agreement No. 2025-01 to facilitate the construction of a for-sale, multi-family residential development including 80 three-story townhome units and six four-story duplex units (eighty-six total units), five of which would be designated for very low-income households. The project will utilize one concession through the density bonus agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65915 through 65918 and Santa Ana Municipal Code Section 41-1600 through 41-1607.

**Environmental Impact:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the project is exempt from further review pursuant to Section 15168 (Program EIR) of the CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption, Environmental Review No. 2024-53, will be filed for the project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 2025-01 AS CONDITIONED FOR A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH EIGHTY SIX RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020 EAST FIRST STREET (APN: 402-191-03)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA APPROVING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 2025-01 (COUNTY MAP NO. 19337) AS CONDITIONED TO ALLOW A EIGHTY-SIX UNIT SUBDIVISION FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020 EAST FIRST STREET (APN: 402-191-03)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA APPROVING ONE (1) CONCESSION PURSUANT TO STATE DENSITY BONUS LAW TO BE MEMORIALIZED IN DENSITY BONUS AGREEMENT NO. 2025-01 TO ALLOW AN EIGHTY-SIX UNIT MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020 EAST FIRST STREET (APN: 402-191-03)

**Recommended Action:**

1. Adopt a resolution approving Site Plan Review No. 2025-01, as conditioned;
2. Adopt a resolution approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 2025-01 (County Map No. 19337), as conditioned; and
3. Adopt a resolution approving a concession in development standards as memorialized in Density Bonus Agreement No. 2025-01, as conditioned.

**Minutes:** *Staff provided a brief presentation.*

*Commission had questions for staff.*

*Staff from Community Development Agency answered questions from the Commission.*

*Commission had questions for the applicant.*

*Applicant, Louisa Feletto, answered questions from the Commission.*

**Moved by Commissioner Woo, seconded by Commissioner Ramos to Approve with added conditions.**

**YES:** 6 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Manuel J. Escamilla, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Christopher Leo

**Status:** 6 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

***\*End of Business Calendar\****

**WORK STUDY SESSION**

**• COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE**

**Minutes:** *Staff provided a brief presentation to the Commission.*

*Commission had questions for staff.*

*Staff answered questions from the Commission.*

***\*End of Work Study Session Calendar\******STAFF COMMENTS**

**Minutes:** *Staff had comments for the Commission.*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Minutes:** *Commission had comments for staff.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber located at 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

**Minutes:** *Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****APPEAL INFORMATION**

The formal action by the Planning Commission shall become effective after the ten-day appeal period, unless the City Council in compliance with section 41-643, 41-644 or 41-645 holds a public hearing on the matter, then the formal action will become effective on the day following the hearing and decision by the City Council. An appeal from the decision or requirement of the Planning Commission may be made by any interested party, individual, or group. The appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Council, accompanied by the required filing fee, and a copy sent to the Planning Department, within ten days of the date of the Commission's action, by 5:00 p.m. If the final day to appeal falls on a City Hall observed holiday or a day when City hall is closed, the final day to appeal shall be extended to the next day City Hall is open for public business. Please note: Under California Government Code Sec. 65009, if you challenge in court any of the matters on this agenda for which a public hearing is to be conducted, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the Planning Commission or City Council at or before the hearing.

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***Deadline to submit written comments, including any supplemental materials for consideration by the Planning Commission, is 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline may not be distributed to the Planning Commission but will be made part of the record. All attendees wishing to submit written comments or supplemental materials for distribution to Planning Commission members during the in-person meeting must provide 15 printed copies.***