

# Planning Commission Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

September 11, 2023

5:30 P.M.

## Council Chamber

22 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA



### BAO PHAM

*Chair, Ward 1 Representative*

### ISURI S. RAMOS

*Vice-Chair,  
Ward 3 Representative*

### CHRISTOPHER LEO

*Citywide Representative*

### MANUEL J. ESCAMILLA

*Ward 2 Representative*

### CARL BENNINGER

*Ward 4 Representative*

### JENNIFER OLIVA

*Ward 6 Representative*

### ALAN WOO

*Ward 5 Representative*

### Minh Thai

*Executive Director*

### Jose Montoya

*Legal Counsel*

### Ali Pezeshkpour, AICP

*Planning Manager*

### Nuvia Ocampo

*Recording Secretary*



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

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

**Executive Director  
Asst. City Attorney  
Planning Manager  
Recording Secretary**

**Minh Thai  
Jose Montoya  
Ali Pezeshkpour, AICP  
Nuvia Ocampo**

**ROLL CALL**

**Minutes:** *Quorum was reached at 5:32 PM*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PUBLIC COMMENTS** (non agenda items)**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**a.** Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Approve Minutes from the last meeting.

**b.** Excused Absences

**Recommended Action:** Excuse absent commissioners.

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

**YES:** 7 – Bao Pham, Isuri Ramos, Alan Woo, Christopher Leo, Manuel J. Escamilla, Jennifer Oliva, Carl Benninger

**NO: 0 – ABSTAIN: 0 – ABSENT: 0 – Status: 7 – 0 – 0 – 0 – 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 August 28, 2023 and notices were mailed on said date.*

**1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2023-18 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2938 SOUTH DAIMLER STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE PROFESSIONAL (P) ZONING DISTRICT.**

**Project Applicant:** Steven Lee (Applicant) on behalf of Anchor Stone Christian Church (Property Owner).

**Proposed Project:** The applicant is requesting approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 2023-18 to allow a church to occupy the existing office building.

**Environmental Impact:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), there is no environmental impact associated with this action.

**Recommended Action:**

- Adopt a resolution denying Conditional Use Permit No. 2023-18.

**Minutes:** *Commission had questions for staff, and applicant's attorney, and architect.*

*Applicant, Steven Lee, spoke in favor of the project.*

*Resident, Scott Yilshen, spoke in favor of the project.*

*Resident, Michael Ellman, spoke in favor of the project.*

**Moved by Commissioner Benninger, seconded by Commissioner Leo to Approve.**

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

**NO:** 1 – Isuri Ramos

**ABSTAIN: 0 – ABSENT: 0 – Status: 6 – 1 – 0 – 0 – Pass**

**Administrative Matters**

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

**WORK STUDY SESSION**

1. Status of Comprehensive Zoning Code Update – Ricardo Soto, Principal Planner
2. Overview of Neighborhood Associations and Developer Engagement – Margarita Macedonio, Principal Community Planner

**Minutes:**

***\*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 September 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers located at 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

**Minutes:** *Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 322 North Harbor Boulevard – Density Bonus Agreement No. 2023-03
- 1117, 1121, & 1125 South Standard Avenue – General Plan Amendment No. 2023-

01, Amendment Application No. 2023-01, Abandonment No. 2023-03, and Public Facility Naming Application No. 2023-01

- 3000 West Edinger Avenue – Public Facility Naming Application No. 2023-02

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***Deadline to submit written comments is 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline may not be distributed to the Commission but will be made part of the record.***