

## **PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 1, 2023**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

### **ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Present: Commissioner Ernie Esparza  
Commissioner Javier Gonzalez  
Commissioner David Moody  
Vice Chair - VACANT  
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: None

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

John Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
John Carver, Planning Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager  
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Andrew Farias, Planning Intern  
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of February 1, 2023 for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and  
Moody, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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2. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 923  
JD FUEL, INC. DBA  
ANTHEM GAS AND  
MARKET  
7512 ALONDRA  
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by JD Fuel, Inc. dba Anthem Gas and Market for sales of beer and wine for offsite consumption from an existing service station market at 7512 Alondra boulevard in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver stated that it is recommended that the Planning Commission remove the item from the calendar at the request of the applicant.

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and  
Moody, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to remove Conditional Use Permit No. 923 from the calendar. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and  
Moody, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 931  
FRANCISCO MADRID/  
XCLUSIVE AUTO  
COLLISION  
7614 SOMERSET  
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Francisco Madrid/Xclusive Auto Collision to replace a spray booth with a new spray booth at an exiting automobile body shop at 7614 Somerset Boulevard in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request.

Francisco Madrid, owner of Xclusive Auto Collision, spoke in favor of the request.

Seeing no one else present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

Planning Director John Carver stated that he received a phone call from a resident who spoke in opposition to the request.

There being no one else present wishing to speak in opposition to the request it was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and  
Moody, Chair Weisenburger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the request.

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:009, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and  
Moody, Chair Weisenburger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 932  
JOE BERNATOWICZ/  
PLANET FITNESS  
14601 LAKEWOOD  
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Joe Bernatowicz/Planet Fitness to operate a gymnasium at 14601 Lakewood Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Planning Intern Andrew Farias who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request.

Joe Bernatowicz, Planet Fitness business owner, spoke in favor of the request.

David Radanovich, Director of Store Development for El Super spoke in favor of the request. Planet Fitness would sublease from El Super.

Seeing no else present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

There being no one present wishing to speak in opposition to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and Moody, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:010, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Esparza, Gonzalez and Moody, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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## REPORTS

5. CITY COUNCIL  
ACTIONS

There were no items on the City Council Agenda that pertained to the Planning Commission.

6. COMMENTS FROM  
CITY ATTORNEY,  
COMMISSIONERS  
AND STAFF

Planning Director John Carver stated that he would have more information on the Planning Commissioners Academy delivered to their homes for review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:31 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ *Gordon Weisenburger*

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ *Valerie Zaragoza*

Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: April 5, 2023