

**ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Neiuber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COMMISSIONER: BENNETT, CASTILLO, NEIUBER, SPIVACK
ZIMMERMAN

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER: CERVERA, PERRY

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher Veirs, Principal Planner; Jordan Goose, Assistant
Planner; Anne Bennett, Administrative Assistant

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item starts at 00:01:00 in the archived video.

Principal Planner Veirs introduced Anne Bennett, Administrative Assistant, to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 00:01:27 in the archived video.

Chair Neiuber invited public comment.

Administrative Assistant Bennett reported no written general public comment was received.

There were no requests to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 00:03:32 in the archived video.

Chair Neiuber invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

1. Architectural and Preservation Commission meeting minutes of July 10, 2024

Approved the Architectural and Preservation Commission meeting minutes of July 10, 2024.

Vice Chair Castillo moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Spivack; and carried on by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Bennett, Castillo, Neiuber, Zimmerman, Spivack
NOES: Commissioner – None
ABSENT: Commissioner – Cervera, Perry

PUBLIC HEARINGS

This item starts at 00:05:11 in the archived video.

2. Sign Review #24-S03 for Proposed Revisions to Existing Signs and Sign program at the Claremont Depot, 200 West First Street – Applicant: Claremont Lewis Museum of Art

Assistant Planner Jordan Goose gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Principal Planner Chris Veirs addressed Commissioners' concerns regarding banners, light boxes, style consistency between signs and building, sign maintenance, and signage at the back side of the museum.

Chair Neiuber invited the Applicant to make a presentation.

Martin Betz, Executive Director of the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, commented on the considerations that went into designing the historic building's signs.

John Bohn, Project Architect, discussed the history of the building, the museum, and the sign program. He addressed Commissioners' concerns for child safety.

Chair Neiuber invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Commissioner Bennett thinks there is signage overload, and that banners obscure historic elements; but the signs at the sidewalks and entrances are good and helpful

Commissioner Zimmerman addressed some child safety issues but supports the project.

Commissioner Spivack spoke about the lightboxes, what worked and what did not, and thinks the banners should be smaller. Overall, she supports the proposal.

Vice Chair Castillo understands the need for ten-foot lightboxes but thinks the banners should be smaller. She supports the proposal.

Chair Neiuber thinks banner size should be reduced; the height of the light boxes is appropriate; and current exhibit signs should be freestanding. He supports the sign program proposal.

Principal Planner Veirs advised the Commission on the wording of the motion.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SIGN REVIEW FILE #24-S03, FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO EXISTING SIGNS, APPROVAL OF A REVISED SIGN PROGRAM INCLUDING UP TO FIVE NEW SIGNS, APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY LIGHT POLE-MOUNTED BANNERS, AND REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING MONUMENT SIGN, AND APPROVING A SIGN VARIANCE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL HEIGHT FOR TWO NEW SIGN CASES INCLUDED IN THE REVISED SIGN PROGRAM, AT THE CLAREMONT DEPOT, LOCATED AT 200 WEST FIRST STREET; and**
- B. Find this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);**

Seconded by Vice Chair Castillo; and carried on by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Castillo, Neiuber, Spivack, Zimmerman

NOES: Commissioner – Bennett

ABSENT: Commissioner – Cervera, Perry

Chair Neiuber noted that this decision can be appealed within ten calendar days.

This item starts at 01:02:36 in the archived video.

3. Final Review of Revised Conceptual Site Plan for the Claremont Colleges East Campus, To Be Renamed The Roberts Campus East Sports Bowl – Applicant: Claremont McKenna College (#23-A02)

Principal Planner Veirs gave a PowerPoint presentation that recapped the project, and summarized revisions that had been made since the preliminary review (April 24, 2024).

During the EIR section of his presentation Principal Planner Veirs introduced Michael Houlihan, Principal Associate at Environmental Science Associates (ESA), and Doug Gordon-Blackwood, ESA Biologist.

Chair Neiuber invited the Applicant to give a presentation.

Matthew Bibbens, Vice President for Campus Planning and Capital Projects at Claremont McKenna College (CMC) discussed water management issues, the revised elevation of the football field, and lighting.

Aaron Coakley, Project Manager from Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), discussed project design, phasing, and developments since the April APC meeting.

Chair Neiuber invited public comment.

Administrative Assistant Bennett reported that no written general public comment had been received on this Item. Principal Planner Veirs received a supportive call from an Upland resident. Also, the Applicant requesting revisions to the Resolution.

Elizabeth Willis, Elizabeth Willis, General Manager of the Chino Basin Water Conservation District, spoke about CMC field elevations and water management.

Kevin Sabicer, Upland resident, has concerns about sidewalks and bike lanes on Monte Vista Avenue (in Upland), noise, lights, unhoused people, security, and fences.

Commissioner Spivack had no comments.

Commissioner Bennett likes the revised plan and thinks it is a great project.

Commissioner Zimmerman thinks this is an excellent project. He wants cross-sectional visualizations in plans, with light specs. He supports the project.

Vice Chair Castillo likes the revisions that were made, and the overall design. She wants cross-sectional visualizations with lighting specs in plans. She is in support of the project.

Chair Neiuber thinks this revision is a big improvement. He noted that this is a conceptual plan, details about lighting and buildings will be addressed in the future.

Principal Planner Veirs advised the Commission regarding how to word the motion for the "as revised" resolution, as per the Applicant's revisions.

Commissioner Spivack moved to:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR THE CLAREMONT COLLEGE'S EAST CAMPUS (NOW REFERRED TO AS THE ROBERTS CAMPUS EAST) TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST CAMPUS INTO A SPORTS COMPLEX CONSISTING OF ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL FIELDS, SUPPORT FACILITIES, AND PARKING (SPORTS BOWL) (FILE #23-A02), AS REVISED; APPLICANT: CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE; and

B. Find this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

Seconded by Commissioner Bennett; and carried on by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Bennett, Castillo, Neiuber, Spivack, Zimmerman

NOES: Commissioner – None

ABSENT: Commissioner – Cervera, Perry

Chair Neiuber noted that this motion carried unanimously, and that the decision can be appealed within ten calendar days.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

This item starts at 02:56:15 in the archived video.

There were none.

REPORTS

This item starts at 02:56:20 in the archived video.

Commission

Commissioner Comments

Chair Neiuber reported that the Ad Hoc Committee considering applicants for the barrio mural will meet on August 4, after which they will present five finalists to the Public Art Committee.

Staff Briefing on Council Meetings

Principal Planner Veirs reported on items of interest from the recent City Council meetings.

Briefings on Other Items

Upcoming Agendas and Events

Principal Planner Veirs described the items coming before the Commission at the September 11, 2024, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Neiuber adjourned the meeting at 10:03 PM.


Chair

ATTEST:


Administrative Assistant