

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

COMMISSIONER: CALLAWAY, DAVIS, EMMERT, ROSENBLUTH,
WILLIAMSON, WONG

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER: RAHMIM

ALSO PRESENT

Brad Johnson, Community Development Director; Jeremy Starkey, Finance Director; Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director; Chris Veirs, City Planner; Maria Tipping, City Engineer; Vince Ramos, Associate Engineer; Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager; Nhi Atienza, Senior Administrative Assistant

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no ceremonial matters, presentations, or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This item starts at 0:00:58 in the archived video.

Commission Secretary Atienza announced that no written public comments were received.

Vice Chair Wong invited public comments.

There were no requests to speak.

Vice Chair Wong closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

This item starts at 0:02:50 in the archived video.

Vice Chair Wong invited public comments.

There were no requests to speak.

Vice Chair Wong closed public comment.

Commissioner Rosenbluth moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Callaway, and carried on by roll call vote as follows:

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026
Approved and filed.

AYES: ***Commissioner - Callaway, Emmert, Rosenbluth, Williamson***
NOES: ***Commissioner - None***
ABSTENTIONS: ***Commissioner - Davis, Wong***
ABSENCES: ***Commissioner - Rahmim***

2. City Council Priorities and 2026-28 Objectives
Received and filed.

AYES: ***Commissioner - Callaway, Emmert, Rosenbluth, Williamson, Davis, Wong***
NOES: ***Commissioner - None***
ABSENCES: ***Commissioner - Rahmim***

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

This item starts at 0:05:08 in the archived video.

3. Review of Proposed 2022-24 Capital Improvement Program for Consistency with the City of Claremont General Plan – Applicant – City of Claremont.

This item starts at 0:05:27 in the archived video.

Finance Director Starkey presented a PowerPoint presentation. He and City Engineer Tipping addressed Commissioners' inquiries regarding the Indian Hill Improvement Plan and sidewalk mitigation projects.

Vice Chair Wong invited public comments.

There were no other requests to speak.

Vice Chair Wong closed public comment.

Commissioner Rosenbluth thanked staff for the report and concurred with Commissioner Davis. He appreciates that each project identifies how it conforms to the General Plan goals and policies.

Commissioner Williamson concurs with Commissioner Davis and Rosenbluth. She appreciates the staff's work. The CIP focused on needed improvements.

Commission Callaway concurred with her fellow Commissioners. She is impressed with the report and finds it compelling.

Commissioner Davis moved that the Planning Commission find that the Proposed 2026-28 Capital Improvement Program is Consistent with the City of Claremont General Plan; seconded by Commissioner Williamson; and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner - Callaway, Davis, Emmert, Rosenbluth, Williamson, Wong
NOES: Commissioner - None
ABSENCES: Commissioner - Rahmim

PUBLIC HEARING

This item starts at 0:27:49 in the archived video.

4. A Request to Allow the Establishment of a Religious Institution at 325 North Indian Hill Boulevard, Formerly Occupied by Todd Memorial Chapel. Applicant – Solid Rock Community Church

Senior Planner Lin presented a PowerPoint presentation. She and City Engineer Tipping addressed Commissioners' inquiries regarding parking, residential permit parking, and occupancy limits.

Pastor Ruben Reyes, Applicant, presented a PowerPoint presentation and addressed Commissioners' inquiries regarding the church's growth plan, membership, and parking.

Vice Chair Wong invited public comments.

Erik Griswold expressed his frustration over the limited notification, parking, speeding, enforcement, and signage. He intends to look into the process for residential parking permits. This hearing should not have occurred until a proper parking agreement was executed.

Ernie Benavidez, Tenant Improvement Designer, stated that the additional parking on the south side will keep them on-site. There is also overflow parking on Grinnell for holiday services.

Pastor Zenny oversees the college students and provides approximately 16 rideshares for the service, which is 40 students. Most students do not have cars and are excited to walk to church; therefore, parking will be plentiful.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Commission Secretary Atienza announced that 13 written public comments were received.

Public comment was closed.

Pastor Ruben Reyes intends to be a good neighbor and will do whatever is needed to be one.

Commissioner Rosenbluth stated that this is an interesting and appropriate reuse of the building. All the findings can be made. Parking may be an issue and requested that staff refer any future issues to the Traffic and Transportation Commission for review.

Commissioner Williamson concurs with her fellow Commissioners and the findings. The parking issue has been properly addressed. She is supportive of the project.

Commissioner Davis agrees with Commissioner Williamson and supports the project.

Vice Chair Wong stated that the project will be great for the community. He did have concerns about the parking and encouraged Pastor Reyes to be a good neighbor. It may be premature to have the TTC review the parking issue at this time. He is supportive of the project.

Commissioner Emmert requested that the signage be in line with the site's architecture and City codes.

Commissioner Williamson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6, A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #26-C01, TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AT 325 NORTH INDIAN HILL BOULEVARD. APPLICANT – SOLID ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH; and find this item is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Seconded by Commissioner Davis, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner - Callaway, Davis, Emmert, Rosenbluth, Williamson, Wong
NOES: Commissioner - None
ABSENCES: Commissioner – Rahmim

Vice Chair Wong announced that this decision can be appealed within ten calendar days.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM – None

REPORTS

This item starts at 1:24:44 in the archived video.

Staff

Director Johnson reported on items of interest from the previous City Council meeting and described future items coming before the Commission.

Commission/Committee

Commissioner Rosenbluth encouraged staff to explore broader outreach methods to notify neighbors about surrounding projects.

Vice Chair Wong requested that Director Johnson outline the noticing policy. Director Johnson indicated that the project was posted in the Claremont Courier and noticed within the radius our zoning code requires and acknowledged that we can do a better job.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Wong adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Administrative Assistant