



CITY OF INDIO

A G E N D A

Planning Commission

Special Meeting of December 17, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, in-person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available.

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Members of the public who desire to address the Planning Commission during the meeting may do so either orally or in writing as described below.

Written Comments: *Written Public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, or both, may be submitted by email to the Commission Secretary at ebeltran@indio.org. Please specify on the subject line the agenda item number or if general public comment (i.e. non-agenda item). For example on a specific item, write "agenda item 8.1" on the email subject line. **Email/Written comments must be received by the Commission Secretary no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting** and such comments will be distributed to the Planning Commission, posted on the agenda landing page and be made part of the agenda packet and public record of the meeting; however, they will not be read during the meeting.*

Oral Comments: *If you wish to provide oral testimony during the live session, please email your name and phone number in the body of the email to the Commission Secretary ebeltran@indio.org **to obtain the zoom meeting ID and password no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.** The Commission Secretary, however, will facilitate to the extent possible any email requests to provide oral testimony that are sent during the live meeting. Please specify on the subject line of the email "Oral Comment" and note the agenda item number or if general comment (i.e. non-agenda item). The number provided in the email **MUST** match the number you are calling from, in order to be recognized by the Commission Secretary. Additionally, to participate during the live session, please keep track of the meeting proceedings by watching the meeting via Livestream, Facebook Live, or Zoom.*

Public Hearing Items: *Any person may provide oral or written comments to the Planning Commission on public hearing items in the manner prescribed in the notice at the top of this agenda except that comments will be accepted during the public hearing until the hearing is closed.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Gloria Franz
Vice-Chairperson Jacqueline “Jackie” Lopez
Commissioner Nicco Alexander Ysiano
Commissioner Eric Ceja
Commissioner Christian Rodriguez Ceja

2. **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **STATEMENT FROM THE COMMISSION SECRETARY**

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- Please be mindful of background noise when joining the virtual meeting.
- Participants must mute all live streaming devices to avoid playback when speaking.
- Meeting participants must mute their microphone to help keep background noise to a minimum when they are not speaking.
- When your microphone is not muted, avoid activities that could create additional noise.
- Position your camera properly; if you choose to use a web camera, be sure it is in a stable position and focused at eye level, if possible.
- If you will be sharing content during the meeting, make sure you have the files and/or links ready to go before the meeting begins.
- Members from the public wishing to provide oral testimony must follow the instructions on the agenda and/or online in order to provide public comment for agenda or non-agenda items.
- Members from the public wishing to provide oral testimony have three (3) minutes to provide oral testimony.

5. **STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

There have been no directives issued temporarily halting local government processing of land use and development review applications and/or consideration of policy actions including but not limited to General Plan amendments, Zoning Code amendments and new or amended Specific Plans. Therefore, the City of Indio continues to accept and process applications in accordance with state and local requirements. The City of Indio is following Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 pertaining to the Brown Act. These Executive Orders allow governmental entities to conduct meetings by electronic means and for members of the public to observe the meeting electronically as well provide public comment or public testimony telephonically or otherwise electronically. Accordingly, the City Council and Planning Commission are currently conducting scheduled meetings in a virtual meeting format. The City of Indio has implemented technology solutions that allow members of the public to observe and offer public comment as well as public testimony during public hearings at scheduled Planning Commission meetings. The City is committed to providing public participation opportunities while also complying with requirements for the processing of land use and development review applications and/or consideration of policy actions.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** *[This is the time set aside for public comment for items not on the agenda. Public comments may be provided in the manner prescribed at the top of this agenda.]*

7. **MINUTES:** None

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None

9. **STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

Disclaimer: These items are presented by the College of the Desert second year architecture students that took the Architecture Practice II course last semester under the instruction of Ms. Olympia Pilafidis Fick, AIA, MArch (Adjunct Professor, Architecture – ASBU). The students were assigned to design two (2) sites within the City of Indio Downtown area with a mixed-use affordable housing development focused on a section of the population that is growing, has special needs, and is often ignored.

The City of Indio Planning Commission has agreed to review the students' projects in a setting that would provide them with real life experience; however, the Commission is not approving/denying any of these proposals. The Commission is simply providing comments as if these presentations were real proposals for the students to become more familiar with a Planning Commission Hearing.

9.1 **Introduction of the Students by Ms. Olympia Pilafidis Fick, AIA, MArch.**

9.2 **SJ-DP- 1 Mixed Use Project:** A request by the Applicant to develop an approximately 1.2 acres of vacant land with a mixed use affordable housing development to be located at the southeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Smurr Street, within the Indio Downtown Specific Plan (*Designed and Presented by Shelby Jenkins and Dan Pizan*).

9.3 **CG-DN- 1 Mixed Use Project:** A request by the Applicant to develop an approximately 1.2 acres of vacant land with a mixed use affordable housing development to be located at the southeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Smurr Street, within the Indio Downtown Specific Plan (*Designed and Presented by Cesar Garcia and Daniel Navarro*).

9.4 **MT- 2 Mixed Use Project:** A request by the Applicant to develop an approximately 1.2 acres of vacant land with a mixed-use affordable housing development to be located at the northwest corner of Towne Street and Bliss Avenue, within the Indio Downtown Specific Plan (*Designed and Presented by Maya Trivino*).

9.5 **OR- 2 Mixed Use Project:** A request the Applicant to develop an approximately 1.2 acres of vacant land with a mixed-use affordable housing development to be located at the northwest corner of Towne Street and Bliss Avenue, within the Indio Downtown Specific Plan (*Designed and Presented by Oscar Reyes*).

10. **STAFF ITEMS:** *[Staff to provide informational reports and updates on status or issues for prior considered projects, policy development efforts, and other matters of interest to the Commission. These reports are not intended for discussion, but Commission members may ask questions on one or more reported items.]*

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Next Planning Commission Meeting:

[Regular Meeting of December 23, 2020 – Cancelled]
Regular Meeting of January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Vanessa Castillo, of the City of Indio, do hereby declare that the foregoing agenda for the Planning Commission Special meeting of December 17, 2020 was posted on the outside entry to the Council Chambers located at 150 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA, on December 15, 2020.

Vanessa Castillo

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