



AZUSA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: A copy of the following public hearing staff reports and Initial Studies, if applicable, for the Planning Commission projects will be available for review during regular working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday at the Planning Division and during regular hours of the Azusa City Library. Any questions regarding any agenda item may be answered by the Planning Division at (626) 812-5289. The Planning Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Azusa Civic Auditorium at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, California.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. Avila called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Donnelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Members Present: DONNELSON, LEE, S.AVILA, ALLEN, J. AVILA
Members Absent: NONE

Staff Present: Economic and Community Development Director, Kurt Christiansen; BB&K Attorney, Thomas Rice; Contract Planner, Lisa Brownsfield; and Edson Ibanez, Assistant Planner.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Donnelson made a motion to approve the August 24, 2016, Planning Commission minutes with corrections. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

AYES:	J.AVILA, LEE, S. AVILA, DONNELSON, ALLEN
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

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E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case Number:** SP-8 & DR-2016-12
Location: 865 E. Monrovia Place
APN: 8625-005-015
Applicant: DHAMMAKAYA INTERNATIONAL
MEDITATION CENTER

AN APPLICATION TO AMEND DHAMMAKAYA INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN, SP-8, Design Review, DR-2016-12, and Addendum to the associated Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2014121060), LOCATED AT 865 EAST MONROVIA PLACE.

Lisa Brownsfield, Contract Planner, presented the Staff Report.

Peter Carlson, Applicant, presented a power point presentation to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the height of the buildings, the logo, the historic pool and shuttle service to the Goldline.

Chairperson S. Avila opened the public hearing.

Fay Xu addressed the Commission. Ms. Xu had concerns for the project and asked to Commission to deny the project.

Hu Ye addressed the Commission. Mrs. Ye explained the development would affect her views.

Helen Jiao addressed the Commission. Mrs. Jiao explained the advantages for residential homeowners living next to the Meditation Center.

Jorge Rosales addressed the Commission. Mr. Rosales mentioned his agreement with the changes in footprint and floor plan because of topographic issues.

Chairperson S. Avila closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve Resolutions 2016-20 & 2016-21. Commissioner Donnelson seconded the motion, and the items were approved by the following vote:

AYES: ALLEN, S. AVILA, DONNELSON, LEE, J.AVILA
NOES: NONE

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ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Kurt Christiansen, Economic and Community Development Director, addressed the Commission. Mr. Christiansen provided a status update on several projects in the City and the Golden Days event.

I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson S. Avila adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.