
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT PROCESSING REVIEW COMMITTEE (DPRC)
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 8:30 A.M.

CAS, 1st Floor Multipurpose Rooms 103 & 105
601 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, California 92701

MEMBERS PRESENT

John O'Neill – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Orange County (Chair)
(1st District)
Michael Recuperero – Recuperero & Associates, Inc. (1st District)
Rick Foster – Universe Properties, LLC (2nd District)
Nathan Searles – Womble Bond Dickinson (2nd District)
Rick Fitch – Hunsaker & Associates (3rd District)
Joe Lambert – Construction Planning Services (3rd District)
Jeff Okamoto – Huitt-Zollars, Inc. (Vice Chair) (5th District)
Evan Carey – OCFA (5th District)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Holas – Rancho Mission Viejo (4th District)

STAFF PRESENT

Justin Kirk – Deputy Director, Development Services
Judy Kim, Permitting Division Manager
Hadi Tabatabaee – Building Official
Matthew Ayers – Staff Specialist, Building & Safety
Marissa Leahy - Secretary

GUESTS

None

1. Introductions / Roll call
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - The meeting minutes for October 4, 2023, were moved for approval by Joe Lambert and seconded by Jeff Okamoto and unanimously approved.

3. DPRC Goals

- No Goals discussed. Primary goal of meeting is to review the Legislative Update.
- LMS Update

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4. OC Development Services and Service Delivery Status – Justin Kirk

- Justin Kirk provided the following updates.
 - APA California 2023 Legislative Update provided by Justin Kirk
 - Review of the most recent 2023 Legislative Update
 - The bills are primarily focused on land use, planning, housing, and environmental regulations
 - Due to the number of bills, there will be a second update that will focus on building and fire related issues
 - APA identified what is influencing the legislature:
 - a. Housing & Homelessness
 - b. Accountability & Implementation
 - c. Climate & Infrastructure
 - Approximately a \$30 billion-dollar budgetary deficit. The deficit led to the shifting of budgeting and fundings of certain programs. Looked to the federal government to backfill some of that.
 - OPR is going through a general plan guideline update which will affect most general plans in the state. This will come out in the next 2-3 years. Should be in place by 2026 within the 7th Cycle Housing Element Update.
 - Focused on the streamlining of CEQA, specifically for small scale housing (10 units or less) to get to a place where you can offer more categorical exemptions

○ Staffing update:

- Hired two additional staff members in Dev. Services. One in permitting and one with Planning.
- Continuing to hire and down to 14 vacancies. Down last year from 30 vacancies.
- Takes about 3 months to hire a staff member.

5. Other Business

- The next meeting will be on the scheduled meeting date of December 6, 2023, at 8:30m at Mimi's Café in Tustin.
- Voting of the new chair for 2024 will be elected at that meeting.
- 2024 DPRC Meeting dates approved.
- Draft Fee Schedule Requested.
 - Should be brought to the DPRC at the February 2024 meeting, adopted in April 2024, and go into effect July 1, 2024.
- Meeting Dates for 2024 DPRC were approved. Meetings will remain on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

6. Items of Interest to the Public:

- No members of the public in attendance for today's meeting.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30a.m.

Development Processing Review Committee
Attendance Matrix
2023

Name / District	Jan 4	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 5	May 3	Jun 7	Jul 5	Aug 2	Sep 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec 6
Mike Recupero District 1	X	X	-	n/a	-	X	n/a	X	-	X	X	
John O’Neill District 1	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	n/a	-	X	X	X	
Rick Foster District 2	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	n/a	X	-	X	X	
Nathan Searles District 2	X	X	X	n/a	-	X	n/a	X	-	X	X	
Rick Fitch District 3	-	X	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	X	-	-	X	
Joe Lambert District 3	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	n/a	X	X	X	X	
Vacant District 4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	-	
Jim Holas District 4	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	n/a	X	X	X	-	
Jeff Okamoto District 5	X	-	X	n/a	X	X	n/a	X	-	X	X	
Evan Carey District 5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	X	

Table Legend:

“X” =	In attendance
“-” =	Not in attendance