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3 **CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**
4 **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

5 Regular Meeting of
6 Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
7 City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
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9 **CALL TO ORDER**

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11 Chair Frierman-Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
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13 **ROLL CALL**

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15 **Present:** Chair Frierman-Hunt, Commissioners Desai, Hinton, Hutt, Pevsner
16 **Absent:** Vice Chair Spears, Commissioner Buckles
17 **Staff:** Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation
18 Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
19 Terri Highsmith, City Attorney
20 Aleks Giragosian, Assistant City Attorney
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22 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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24 Commissioner Hutt moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hinton seconded.
25 Motion carried unanimously.
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27 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2016.**

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29 Commissioner Hinton moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hutt seconded.
30 Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Pevsner abstaining due to his absence.
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32 Director Gonzalez announced a City Council Special Meeting at 8 p.m. He stated that
33 the Planning Commission will call a short recess to allow City Council to convene and
34 recess to closed session. Director Gonzalez stated that City Attorney Highsmith will join
35 the City Council in Closed Session. Assistant City Attorney Aleks Giragosian will take
36 City Attorney Highsmith's place at that time.
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38 **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

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40 None.
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42 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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44 1. Discretionary Demolition Permit 16-01
45 Address: 126 E. Mira Monte Ave.
46 Applicant: William and Anastasia Kefalas
47 (continued from December 1, 2016)

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49 Director Gonzalez delivered the staff report.

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51 **Motion: Commissioner Hutt moved to continue to the February 16, 2016 Planning**
52 **Commission meeting, Commissioner Desai seconded. Motion carried**
53 **unanimously.**

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55 **2. Municipal Code Text Amendment 16-05 (MCTA 16-05) – Discretionary**
56 **Demolition Permit**

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58 Director Gonzalez delivered the staff report.

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60 **Public Comment**

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62 Marguerite Schuster
63 Mt. Wilson Trail

64 Ms. Schuster stated that she was concerned about "demolition by neglect".

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66 Joe Catalano
67 N. Lima St.
68 Mr. Catalano

69 Spoke in favor of the MCTA, and offered suggestions on how the Commission could
70 further enhance the code.

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73 **Chair Frierman-Hunt called the Planning Commission to recess to allow the City**
74 **Council Meeting to commence.**

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76 **Chair Frierman-Hunt reconvened the Planning Commission meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

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78 The Commission expressed concern over the potential neglect and cause for demolition
79 of the Macomber Cabin. Director Gonzalez stated that staff would follow up on the
80 request.

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82 Commissioner Hutt suggested that the Commission consider revision of the definition of
83 "demolition".

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85 Commissioner Hinton stated that she liked the direction this ordinance was taking and
86 hoped that it would tighten up demolition in the City.

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88 Commissioner Pevsner was in agreement.

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90 **Action: Commissioner Hutt moved to adopt Planning Commission resolution 16-**
91 **13, approving Municipal Code Text Amendment 16-05 with modifications.**
92 **Commissioner Desai seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
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94 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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96 **Audience Comments**

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100 **Planning Commission**

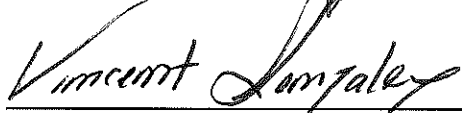
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104 **Planning & Community Preservation**

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106 Director Gonzales stated that the next Planning Commission meeting would be held on
107 February 2, 2017.
108 He also stated that the Group Living Ordinance would be considered by the City Council
109 on January 24, 2017.

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111 **Adjournment**

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113 Chair Frierman-Hunt adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 8:19 pm.

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117 Secretary to the Planning Commission

118 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation