

City of Arts & Innovation

PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Launa Wilson, Secretary Raj Singh arrived at 9:15 a.m., Sergeant at Arms Brian Baird, and Commissioners Johnny Wilder, Aurelio Melendrez, Lorraine Mooney, and Judy Teunissen

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Tarren Torres, Matthew Taylor, Anthony Beaumon, Brian Norton, Edgardo Caldera, Christiana Kalawa, and others

PRESENT: Marco McGuire, Eugene Kim, and others

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wilder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jason Hunter spoke regarding the State of California Constitution Municipal Home Rule for Charter Cities.

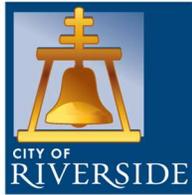
Commissioner Singh entered the meeting during the following item.

PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING CASE PC-2026-00117 - REVOKE - P17-0126 MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND P17-0503 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY DETERMINATION - BAR AND NIGHTCLUB USES - DOWNTOWN EXPERIMENT - 3601 UNIVERSITY AVENUE - CONTINUED TO MARCH 12, 2026

Staff announced continuance of the request to revoke the Minor Conditional Use Permit P17 - 0126 and associated Public Convenience or Necessity Determination (P17-0503) for bar and nightclub uses with entertainment and on-sale of alcohol for Downtown Experiment to the Planning Commission meeting on March 12, 2026.

Marco McGuire, owner and Attorney Eugene Kim of the Downtown Experiment spoke on the matter and requested to continue the public hearing to April 23, 2026, Planning Commission meeting. The public comment was officially closed.



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Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Wilder and seconded by Commissioner Singh to continue the request to revoke the Minor Conditional Use Permit P17 - 0126 and associated Public Convenience or Necessity Determination (P17-0503) for bar and nightclub uses with entertainment and on-sale of alcohol for Downtown Experiment to the Planning Commission meeting on March 12, 2026. The motion carried with Commissioners Baird, Melendrez, Singh, Teunissen, Mooney, and Wilder voting aye and Chair Wilson voting no.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Mooney and seconded by Commissioner Melendrez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2026, were approved as presented.

ABSENCE

The Planning Commission recorded the absence of Commissioner Wilson from the February 12, 2026, regular meeting as excused.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Principal Planner Matthew Taylor (1) announced that the next Planning Commission meeting will be on March 12, 2026, and will include the continuance of the item to revoke Minor Conditional Use Permit for a Downtown nightclub, Specific Plan Amendment for land swap in the Canyon Springs area, 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan, and the Election of Officers; and (2) provided an update on the appointment of new Planning Commission member.

The Planning Commission adjourned at 9:29 a.m.