

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Special Meeting Minutes Fairplex Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee



Chair Sandra Christensen - District 4
Vice-Chair Lisa Snider - District 5
Committee Member Norma Quiñones - Mayoral Appointee
Committee Member Roxanne M. Vaniman - District 1
Committee Member Susan VanderMolen - District 2
Committee Member Lisa Beans - District 3
Committee Member Brenda Shultz - District 6
Committee Member Natalie Chaidez - Fairplex Appointee
Committee Member Michael G. Rodriguez - LA County Board of Supervisors Appointee

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Chuck Bader Conference Room

6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present	Chair Sandra Christensen
	Vice-Chair Lisa Snider
	Committee Member Susan VanderMolen
	Committee Member Lisa Snider
	Committee Member Norma Quinones
	Committee Member Natalie Chaidez
	Committee Member Michael Rodriguez
	Committee Member Roxanne M. Vaniman
	Committee Member Brenda Shultz

Absent: None.

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Beth Senebandith, Principal Accountant

Meg McWade, Public Works Director
Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer
Geoffery Starns, Planning Manager

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

1. Motioned by Committee Member Vandermolen, Second by Committee Member Rodriguez, All in favor; motion carried; 7-0; 2 not present. Committee Members Quinones and Shultz were not present to vote to approve the March 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Committee Members Quinones and Shultz joined during discussion

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. McKinley Avenue and Canyon Way Traffic Signal Project Update – Presented by Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer. Mr. Dichosa advised that the potholing has been cleared, and poles have been ordered. They are scheduled to arrive at the end of June. We anticipate completion of this project in August 2025. Mr. Dichosa also updated the committee on the signal ahead signs. The Committee asked Mr. Dichosa where the sidewalk will be. Chair Christensen asked about the electronic speed sign, if it will remain. Mr. Dichosa advised the speed sign would stay. Committee Member Quinones asked about chirping for the signal that tells a pedestrian when to walk. Mr. Dichosa replied that yes, this signal would have that capability. Committee Member Chaidez asked about delayed start options to allow pedestrian to cross, Mr. Dichosa responded that he would have to look into and speak to the Traffic Engineer. Committee Member Quinones asked if the residents of the Fairplex will be notified that the project will be starting.
3. Discussion of Wayfinding/Traffic Signs – Presented by Meg McWade, Public Works Director. Ms. McWade presented the Committee Member with other cities who have put wayfinding signs in. Geoffery Starns, Planner for the City of Pomona suggested using students at Cal Poly Pomona, who can design the signs. Committee Member Vaniman made a motion to have Geoffery Starns utilize Cal Poly Pomona students to design the wayfinding signs as a capstone project and if they cannot facilitate a consultant be hired via an RFP. Vice Chair Snider seconds the motion. All in favor 9-0.
4. Traffic Signal Upgrades at McKinley Avenue and Garey Avenue Update – Presented by Arnold Dichosa, City Engineer. Project is projected to start in June, provided Caltrans completes the approval process and be completed in 2026.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Committee member Vaniman had a question for Committee Member Chaidez about Gate 1. Committee Member Vaniman thanked the Fair for helping with the gridlock that tends to happen during fair time. Chair Christensen added that at Gate 1 there are still a lot of Uber drivers going

to the gate and being turned away. She suggested that the Fairplex add where to park in their ads for the fair. Vice Chair Snider thanked staff for putting together all the staff reports and welcomed Meg McWade. The Committee would like staff to calendar a discussion item for the next meeting on reducing the speed limit near the Fairplex.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Meg thanked the Committee for the welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vandermolen adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm; the next regular meeting will be on June 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Gonzales
Management Analyst, Public Works

ATTEST:

Sandra Christensen
Chair of the Fairplex Mitigation Fund
Advisory Committee