



Action Minutes
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Thursday, June 6, 2013
City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street

Call to Order — 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call —

Present: Commissioners M. Mesiti-Miller, Vice Chair; P. Kennedy;
J. Nortz; M. Primack; T. Goncharoff; M. Tustin.
Absent: Commissioner R. Quartararo (with notice).
Staff: Principal Planner, K. Thomas; Senior Planner, M. King; Consultant, B.
Nobel of Design, Community & Environment; Recorder, M. Schwarb.
Audience: 6

Statements of Disqualification — None.

Oral Communications — None.

No action shall be taken on these items.

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Announcements — None.

Public Hearings — None.

Note: The Planning Commission reversed the hearing order to accommodate the audience.

Informational Items —

No action shall be taken on these items.

2. Draft Ocean Street Area Plan Presentation

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission receive the presentation.

Principal Planner Thomas made a few opening comments and introduced Senior Planner King and DC & E Consultant, Ben Noble, who narrated a Power Point presentation outlining the goals and objectives of the Plan and the rational for its preparation; the major focus of the plan. He explained that the Plan was very much Community Driven.

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The Commissioners asked questions regarding:

- Impacts on neighborhoods from traffic and heights;
- Parking and circulation issues;
- Traffic corridor study;
- Parking structure at County building;
- Concerns about lower Ocean neighborhood;
- Acquiring additional right-of-way;
- Incentives for development;
- Variable sidewalk structure;
- Undergrounding utilities;
- Active street helping to address the bad things that happen;
- Plans for Ocean median improvements.

The Chair opened the floor for comments.

Speaking from the audience:

- Gerald Eidem, lower Ocean Street property owner.

The Chair closed the discussion.

ACTION: The Planning Commission received the information, asked questions and made comments.

General Business —

1. **Discussion of Section 4 of Bylaws regarding oral communication with the Planning Commissioners.**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission Discuss the Section referenced.

ACTION: The Planning Commission continued, by consensus, the discussion to a future meeting due to the absence of Commissioner Quartararo.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports —

No action shall be taken on these items.

- Chairperson's Report – None.
- Planning Department Report – None.

Items Referred to Future Agendas —

An item to be discussed by the Commission: New Building Solar Panel Ordinance/ Residential/Commercial.

The Planning Commission requested that the item be placed on a future agenda, and directed staff to schedule Climate Action Coordinator, R. Clark, to participate in the discussion which should include other issues related to climate action goals.

Adjournment — 8:40 P.M

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2013 in the City Council Chambers.

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