



Action Minutes
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Thursday, April 17, 2014
City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street

Call to Order — 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call —

Present: C. Nielsen; J. Nortz; M. Primack; P. Spellman; M. Tustin; P. Kennedy, Vice Chair; M. Mesiti-Miller, Chair.
Absent: None.
Staff: Director, J. Rebagliati; Assistant Director, A. Khoury; Principal Planner, K. Thomas; Recorder, M. Schwarb.
Audience: 9

Statements of Disqualification — Chair Mesiti-Miller disqualified himself from Item Number One.

Oral Communications —

No action shall be taken on these items.

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

Speaking from the audience:

- Chase Johnsen, President of Chase Bank.

Announcements — None.

General Business —

1. 2015-2017 Capital Improvement Program Consistency with the General Plan and the Climate Action Plan.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission by motion find the 2015-2017 proposed Capital Improvement Program consistent with the General Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Principal Planner Thomas presented the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

No one wished to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed.

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ACTION: Commissioner Nortz moved, and Commissioner Tustin seconded, that the Planning Commission find the proposed Capital Improvement Program consistent with the General Plan and Climate Action Plan. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Nielsen, Spellman, Tustin, Nortz, Primack and Kennedy in favor and Commissioner Mesiti-Miller recused.

2. Zoning Code Updates to Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion of item.

Assistant Director Khoury presented a brief staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Speaking from the audience:

- Greg Chausky;
- Tom DeMeo;
- John Newman;
- Joe DeMeo;
- Greg Chausky.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Commissioners asked questions and made comments regarding:

- Amnesty for illegal units;
- Intent of three foot setbacks;
- What building codes would apply if Code changes occur;
- Minimum size for livability;
- Number of additional units if lot size standard lowered to 4500;
- Green building incentives;
- Covered parking requirements;
- Owner occupancy requirement;
- Public workshop program.

ACTION: Commissioner Primack moved, and Commissioner Nortz seconded, that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council to consider delaying enforcement of abatement of any units other than those with health and safety code violations until the Planning Commission has recommended zoning ordinance amendments. The motion carried on a vote of 4-3 with Commissioners Primack, Nortz, Spellman and Nielson in favor and Commissioners Tustin, Kennedy and Mesiti-Miller opposed.

Informational Items —

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No action shall be taken on these items.

3. Report from Commissioners Kennedy and Nortz on their attendance at the Planning Commissioner's Academy.

ACTION: Commissioners Kennedy and Nortz reported on their experiences at the Academy.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports —

No action shall be taken on these items.

- Chairperson's Report
- Planning Department Report

Director Rebagliati noted that beginning May 5, 2014, Building and Planning Counter hours will be extended and the new schedule will be 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. She also announced that the May 15, 2014 meeting would likely include an appeal of a Zoning Administrator decision and that La Bahia would probably be heard at the first meeting in June.

Items Referred to Future Agendas — None.

Adjournment — 8:55 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on May 1, 2014, in the City Council Chambers.

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APPEALS - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.

Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a five hundred dollar (\$500) filing fee, unless the item involves a Coastal Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission, in which case there is no fee.