

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Smith Frost called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Linda Smith Frost, Chair
Kevin Lachoff, Vice Chair
David VonCannon, Commissioner
Scott Wyant, Commissioner

Absent: Dana Amy Sayles, Commissioner (excused)

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Gorham.

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Comments for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Smith Frost invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Natkin spoke on behalf of those with mobility disabilities regarding a lack of curbside parking for persons with placards in the downtown area.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, discussed jurisdiction over the public right of way; the Commission's ability to make recommendations; and he indicated that he would pass along the information to Public Works.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Invitation to the Planning Commissions to Provide Comment during the City's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Process

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record and discussed completed items; outstanding items; items that may be added to the Work Plan; large projects going forward; casework in the Planning Division; work to be done on multi-family guidelines; and the interactive development app being developed with IT.

Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager, discussed parking amendments; bicycle parking; the Bicycle Master Plan; items slated for the fourth quarter; and the projects list.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the study session for the restaurants under 1500 square feet; community concern regarding RV parking on residential streets long-term; size ordinances; previous discussion of the issue; code revisions to the parking section of the code; discussions with the Police Department; a request for a study of in-law suites; a request to conduct a regional traffic study or workshop; concern with increased traffic; the expense of a regional study; coordination with area cities; the regional nature of the issue; clarification that the population of the City has not substantially increased; what is going on around the City; Culver City's place in the region; the Oil Drilling Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report; Commission review; hiring of the EIR consultant; discussion draft regulations for public comment; and approval of the Specific Plan.

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Public Hearings

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VONCANNON THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE THE REVISED MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: LACHOFF, SMITH FROST, VONCANNON, WYANT
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SAYLES

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Items from Staff

Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager, provided an update on upcoming meetings and agenda items.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, noted that the follow-up study session for the Commission and the public on the parking requirements for restaurants less than 1500 square feet would likely be scheduled for April.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the status of the proposed baseball training center; concern that the center is operating illegally; enforcement; and the discretionary process.

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Items from Planning Commissioners

Commissioners discussed dates that they would be unavailable.

Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager, pointed out that a training budget was available for use by Planning Commissioners.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, discussed a workshop that he had attended at the Urban Land Institute regarding how cities recover from major environmental or other catastrophes.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:34 p.m., the Culver City Planning Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

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4/8/2015

YVONNE D. HUNT
SECRETARY of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVED

4-8-2015



LINDA SMITH FROST
CHAIR of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Culver City, California

Kevin Lachoff, Vice Chair

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date