

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

November 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at
7:01 p.m.

Present: David Rockwell, Chair
John Kuechle, Vice Chair
Linda Smith Frost, Commissioner

Absent: Anthony Pleskow, Commissioner
Marcus Tiggs, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director
Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager
Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Thomas Gorham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Comments NOT on the Agenda

None.

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ACTION ITEMS

Item A-1

**Planning Commission Committee Appointment - Appointment of one
member to the City Council/Planning Commission Subcommittee**

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Commissioner Smith Frost nominated Commissioner Pleskow to serve
on the City Council/Planning Commission Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Kuechle indicated his interest in serving.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: other
positions to be filled; alternates; and seniority.

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MOTION BY CHAIR ROCKWELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH FROST, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED (ABSENT COMMISSIONERS PLESKOW AND TIGGS) TO SELECT VICE CHAIR KUECHLE TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KUECHLE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMITH FROST AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM C-1 (ABSENT COMMISSIONERS PLESKOW AND TIGGS).

Item C-1

Secretary's Report

The Commission received and filed the report of the secretary regarding posting of the agenda for this meeting.

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Items from Staff

Community Development Director Blumenfeld reported that work programs for the multi-family design guidelines had been distributed to the Commissioners and he provided background on the item.

Planning Manager Gorham summarized the work plan noting that it was based on direction from the Commission.

Community Development Director Blumenfeld indicated that the guidelines would reflect the findings of the study and could be used by the Commission to evaluate projects and by staff to help inform applicants as they file applications.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: strong support for the document; the importance of neighborhood buy-in; a reminder that the item was not agendaized so decisions could not be made; staff will meet the neighborhoods in each of the study areas to present findings and review recommendations; the Commission would be advised of the neighborhood meetings; staff would not restrict themselves to a set of guidelines that only implement the findings; the study was focused on areas that have seen development over the past ten years; staff is trying to get the project done quickly as staff is about to start on the General Plan update; staff will look at areas individually so broad guidelines are not set that don't fit any one particular neighborhood.

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Planning Manager Gorham reported that the next Commission meeting would be on December 10 and proposed agenda items for that meeting included the traffic study criteria and a text amendment to allow car washes as an ancillary use in the East Washington area.

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Items from Commissioners:

Chair Rockwell proposed, and received consensus from the Commission, to agendize a discussion about adding another Planning Commission member to the Traffic Subcommittee.

Planning Manager Gorham indicated that staff would agendize all the committees that Commissioner Tiggs served on.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m., the Culver City Planning Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers.

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David Rockwell, Chair
City of Culver City
Planning Commission


Yvonne D. Hunt
Administrative Secretary