



# Minutes

## City of Sacramento

### Planning Commission

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Joseph Contreras  
Joseph Yee, AIA  
Michael Notestine, Vice Chair

Darrel Woo, Chair  
Jodi Samuels  
Michael Mendez, MCP

Barry Wasserman  
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#### CITY STAFF:

Tom Pace, Long Range Planning Manager  
Sabina Gilbert, Senior Deputy City Attorney

New City Hall  
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers

February 12, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.

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# MINUTES

**February 12, 2009**

*New City Hall  
915 I Street – 1st Floor, Council Chambers*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Planning Commission unless otherwise noted.

## Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call All commissioners present.**

### Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

#### 1. **Approval of Minutes for December 18, 2008**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission Minutes from December 18, 2008.

**Contact:** Tom Pace, Long Range Planning Manager, 916-808-6848

**Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Notestine/Wasserman; 9:0:0) to approve minutes.**

### Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Chair at the discretion of the Commission. If you challenge the decision of this Commission you may be limited to raising only those issues that are raised in this hearing or in written correspondence received by the Commission prior to the hearing.

#### 2. **M07-070 Check Cashing Centers** (Noticed on 1/09/09, Continued from 1/22/09)

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation: Forward Recommendation of Approval to City Council- Item A:** Environmental Exemption (Per CEQA 15061(b)(3)); **Item B:** Ordinance amending sections 17.16.010, 17.94.030, 17.98.030, 17.100.030, 17.108.020, 17.108.030, and 17.124.040 of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (the Zoning Code) relating to check cashing centers and repealing Ordinance No. 2007-080, as extended by Ordinance No. 2007-089 and Ordinance No. 2008-048.

**Contact:** Jennifer Glen, Assistant Planner, 916-808-4771; Joy Patterson, Zoning Administrator, 916-808-5607

**Public comment made by Alan Fisher, Liaha Molina, Chris Jones, Paul Ainger, Lettye Lewis (written comment read into record), Bahiyyah Smith, Cheyanne Cook, Richard Lake, Adama Iwn, Rob Callaway, Ken Eckersley, John Cranshaw, Ronald Coleman, Shamus Roller, Brian Augusta, Curtis Cook. Action: Motion by Commissioner Contreras to approve staff recommendation. Substitute motion: Moved, seconded, and carried (Givens/Mendez; 8:1:0) to approve staff recommendations with the following changes: disallow check cashing centers to open new locations within 1000 feet from another check cashing center and within 500 feet from residential zone, and require a signage, lighting and security**

**plan to be provided before approval of a project; remove restrictions on locating near schools, churches, and financial institutions, and residential uses.**

### **Staff Reports**

Staff reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

**3. Development Oversight Commission (DOC) Streamlining Recommendation (Oral Report)**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** **Review and Comment** regarding DOC streamlining recommendation.

**Contact:** Bill Thomas, Director of Development; David Kwong, Planning Manager, 808-2691; DOC subcommittee members

**Public comment made by Michael Hearn, Mel Billingsley, Bill Maynard, Alan LoFaso, Jody Adcock, William Burg, Jim Pachi, Jon Ellison, Mark Rentz, Joany Titherington, Joan Barden, Andrea Rosen, Shannon McKinney, Dustin Littrell, Molly Wright, Richard Seyman, Michael Boyd, Dana Kivel, Luree Stetson, Chris Paros. Action: Reviewed and Commented.**

**4. Inclusionary Housing Workshop**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** **Review and Comment.** Review results of economic analysis and neighborhood research. Provide direction on potential framework for changes to Mixed Income Housing (Inclusionary) Ordinance.

**Contact:** Lisa Bates, Deputy Executive Director, SHRA, 440-1330, Cindy Cavanaugh, Assistant Director, SHRA, 440-1317

**Public comment made by Chris Paros (written statement received), Jason Alexander, Curtis Cook, Richard Hack, Keith Sharward, Janice Brannon, Brian Augusta, Shamus Roller. Action: Reviewed and Commented.**

**5. Planning Commission Administrative Policies and Procedures: Amendment to Planning Commission Rules of Procedure (M08-037)**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** **Adopt** amendment to Rules of Procedure to add advisory notes.

**Contact:** Sabina D. Gilbert, Senior Deputy City Attorney, 808-5346

**Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Notestine/Wasserman; 9:0:0) to adopt amendment to Rules of Procedure to add advisory notes.**

### **Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

**6. To be announced.**

### **Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members**

7. Commissioner Notestine mentioned his election to the State APA Board as a planning commission representative. At the January APA retreat it was discussed that a major focus of the APA board will be to work towards helping planners who are losing their jobs. Some of the concepts towards achieving this would include adding resources to the APA websites, such as a “Craigslislist” board for posting jobs, as well as resume writing, and other job search resources. The president of the board has agreed to work with Commissioner Notestine and the League of California Cities on creating a committee for Planning Commissions Institute which the league runs annually.

Commissioner Contreraz mentioned his attendance to the Sacramento Heritage Board and that they approved the use of the Historic Place grant to restore the clock on 10<sup>th</sup> & J Street that historically belonged to the jewelry store. Commissioner Mendez asked the commission if it would be appropriate to send a memo from the Planning Commission as a whole to the Council in response to the proposal that Development Oversight Commission (DOC) has made regarding streamlining. It was suggested that the commission wait to draft a reply memo until after the commission has heard back from the DOC regarding the feasibility and cost analysis.

Commissioner Wasserman wished to notify the commission that on February 27<sup>th</sup>, the CADA board will be holding a “Future of O Street” workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will be collecting public comments regarding O Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Street up to 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. Commissioner Samuels requested copies of those materials be brought in by Commissioner Wasserman. CADA will publish a summary of the results.

Commissioner Mendez reminded the commission that of the SB375 Land Equity panel discussion would be held on February 13, 2009 in the Bank of America building at K and 11<sup>th</sup> Street from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and that lunch would be provided.

Adjournment 11:53 p.m.