



Minutes

City of Sacramento

Planning Commission

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Michael Mendez, MCP

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

April 9, 2009 – 5:30 P.M.

The City Planning Commission was created by the City Council. Its powers and duties include: to develop and maintain the General Plan; to make recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the General Plan and the City's zoning code and on zoning changes; to act upon applications for tentative subdivision maps, special permits and variances; and to make environmental determinations associated with these actions.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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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, except Commissioner Bartholomy.

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 February 12, 2009**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission Minutes from February 12, 2009.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Yee/Notestine; 8:0:0) 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. **P08-075 Famille Manor** (Noticed on 3/13/09, Continued from 3/26/09)

Location: 6421, 6431 and 6435 Hogan Drive, District 5, 035-0161-028, 035-0161-002 and 035-0161-024

Recommendation: Continue to April 23, 2009.

Contact: Stephanie Hockman, Assistant Planner, 916-808-7497; Joy Patterson, Principal Planner, 916-808-5607

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Notestine/Givens; 8:0:0) to approve staff recommendations.

3. **M08-051 First Round Zoning Code Updates For 2030 General Plan Consistency and Regulatory Improvement Code Changes** (Noticed on 3/30/09)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Forward Recommendation of Approval to City Council - Item

A: Environmental Determination: Exemption pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b) (3);

Item B: 2030 General Plan Zoning Code Consistency Amendments: An ordinance amending various sections of Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (Zoning Code) to create a new R-4A residential zone, to increase the residential density of the R-3 and C-2 zones, and to amend land use and entitlement processing requirements for

consistency with policies and programs under the 2030 General Plan; **Item C:** Regulatory Improvement Zoning Code Amendments: An ordinance repealing section 15.44.020 of Title 15 of the Sacramento City Code (Building Code) relating to demolition of non-historic residential structures, and amending various sections of Title 16 of the Sacramento City Code (Subdivision Code) and Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code (Zoning Code) relating to land use entitlement processing.

Contact: Sandra Yope, Senior Planner, DSD, 916-808-7158; Robert Cunningham, Assistant Planner, Planning, 916-808-5894; Jim McDonald AICP, Senior Planner, Planning, 916-808-5723

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Samuels/Wasserman; 8:0:0) to approve staff recommendations.

Staff Reports

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

4. **M09-003 Informational Report on the River District Specific Plan Effort**
Location: The River District Specific Plan area is bounded by Downtown and the Railyards on the south, the Sacramento River on the west, the American River on the north, and 16th and 18th Streets on the east, Council District 1.
Recommendation: Review and Comment on the vision and guiding principles as well as the draft land use and circulation elements of the River District Specific Plan.

Contact: Evan Compton, Associate Planner, Development Services (916) 808-5260
Greg Taylor, Senior Architect, Development Services (916) 808-5268

Public comment made by Patty Kleinkrecht. Action: Reviewed and Commented.

5. **LR09-011 Progress Report on Natomas Joint Vision**
Location: Unincorporated portion of the Natomas Basin within Sacramento County adjacent to Council District 1
Recommendation: Review and Comment This report and presentation is a status report to the Commission. It is also intended to serve as part of the Workshop #4 Series for the Natomas Joint Vision Broad Visioning Process.

Contact: Helen Selph, Associate Planner, 808-7852; Scot Mende, New Growth Manager, 808-4756

Public comment made by Greg Rowe, Judith Lamare, and Jim Pachi. Action: Reviewed and Commented.

6. **LR09-001 City Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Review and Comment This informational item presents the Draft Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance. Staff seeks comments on the draft ordinance.

Contact: Greg Sandlund, Assistant Planner, (916) 808-8931; Jim McDonald AICP, Senior Planner, (916) 808-5723

Action: Reviewed and Commented.

7. **LR09-006 2030 General Plan Implementation Programs Status Report**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Review and Comment.

Contact: Jim McDonald AICP, Senior Planner, (916) 808-5723

Public comment made by Nick Avdis. Action: Reviewed and Commented.

8. **Report Back on Ad Hoc Committees (Oral)**
Location: (Citywide)
Recommendation: Review and Comment- general discussion on creating Ad Hoc committees.

Contact: Michael Mendez, Planning Commissioner

Action: Reviewed and Commented.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

9. None

Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

10. **Jim McDonald notified the Planning Commission of the combining of Development Services Department and the Planning Department into a new Department, the Community Development Department. Bill Thomas will be the director of this new department, effective May 1st, and the Planning Department will be moving their office to 300 Richards Boulevard, as of May 13, 2009. The Public Improvement Finance group will be moved into the Finance Department and Carol Shearly, the current director of the Planning Department, will be working with General Services on the Sustainability Master Plan and programs.**
11. **Commissioners Woo and Notestine informed the commission that they met with the chair and vice chair of the Development Oversight Commission, on Monday, April 6, 2009, to share that the Planning Commission has yet to see David Kwong's report as to what the issues, problems, guidelines and solutions are regarding the possible consolidation of the Design and Planning Commissions, which was due by the end of March. The DOC is still exploring the possibility of the combination of the Commissions. Commissioners discussed the validity of the proposal on the consolidation, as well as, if it will be coming back to the commission with the forwarding of a recommendation to City Council for approval. There is a Council Workshop at Pannell Center on Monday April 15, 2009 regarding this.**
12. **Commissioner Samuels was invited and went, to the Southside Park Association Meeting on and did go last night and answered questions regarding the combination of the Planning & Design Commissions.**

Adjournment - 9:00 p.m.