



Minutes

City of Sacramento

Planning Commission

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Jodi Samuels
Michael Mendez, MCP

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

June 11, 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

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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 who arrived at 5:35 p.m.

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 May 14, 2009**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission Minutes from May 14, 2009.

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

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Notestine/Wasserman; 8:0:0) to approve minutes with edits.

2. **LR09-015 Review of the Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Consistency with the 2030 General Plan**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File (Information Only)

Contact: Teresa Haenggi, Associate Planning, Community Development Department, (916) 808-7554

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Givens/Wasserman; 9:0:0) to receive and file.

Director's Report

3. **Director's Report**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and File- Status report on pending development applications and appeals; proposed amendments to Zoning Code, design standards, and other development-related regulations; Community Development Department organizational and operational changes, work program, and training program; and similar matters.

Contact: Greg Bitter, Principal Planner, 916-808-7816

Action: No Director's Report was given. Commissioner Samuels has requested that an update be given on the status of forming a subcommittee between the

three commissions (Design, Preservation, and Planning) to work on the Commission Streamlining Proposals, and Commissioner Yee requested an update on the Planning Commissioner subcommittee which was to work with the Design Commission on the Design Guidelines.

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.

4. LR09-001 City Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Withdrawn from Agenda, To Be Re-noticed.

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

Action: Withdrawn from agenda; to be re-noticed to a later date.

Staff Reports

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

5. M08-039 Infill Strategy Report

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Desmond Parrington, AICP, Infill Coordinator (916) 808-5044

Public comment made by Jeremy Druker. Action: Reviewed and Commented.

6. LR09-013 Ben Ali and Hagginwood Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Forward Recommendation to Council to Accept – Ben Ali and Hagginwood Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans.

Contact: Andrea Koch, Assistant Planner, (916) 808-1943; Erik de Kok, Senior Planner, (916) 808-2022

Public comment made by Benjamin Sher, Barbara Stanton, Arnold Darula, Margaret Leonard, Sondra Betancourt, Peter Anderson, Eric Miller, Verlene Castoreno. Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Bartholomy/Yee; 9:0:0) to forward recommendation to Council to Accept.

7. LR09-014 Report on Rezone Public Workshops

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Rob Cunningham, Assistant Planner, (916) 808-5894; Jim McDonald, AICP, Senior Planner, (916) 808-5723

Public comment made by Paul Kelley, Terry Piazza –Perham, Benjamin Sher, Eric Miller, Chris Brocchini, Mark Abrahams, Todd Lewis. Action: Reviewed and Commented.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

8. None

Questions, Ideas and Announcements of Commission Members

9. Commissioner Samuels recommended visiting a New York website regarding online urban design information on reclaiming streets. Commissioner Samuels will not be at the Planning Commission meeting on June 25, 2009.

Commissioner Mendez mentioned that many of the regions Planning Commissions have been reducing their meetings to only once a month, or canceling meetings that have agendas that can be combined with future agendas. He wishes to have a discussion between staff and the commission about the possibility of combining meetings and canceling unneeded meetings. The City Attorney suggested that this might need to be a separate agenda item. Commissioner Wasserman suggested that the commission should cancel when staff recommends.

Commissioner Notestine invited the commission to attend an hour and a half long webinar, starting at 10:00 a.m. on June 18, 2009.

Adjournment - 8:13 p.m.