

Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the
LEMOORE PLANNING COMMISSION
August 19, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Vice-Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Clement, Dow, Marvin, Monreal; City Planner Brandt, Planning Director Wlaschin, Project Manager Holwell, Board Clerk Baley

ABSENT:

Chairman Meade, Commissioner Wynne

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wlaschin requested an update concerning funds budgeted for Zoning Code revisions.

City Planner Brandt provided the update.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 2013:

It was moved by Commissioner Marvin and seconded by Commissioner Clement, and carried to approve the Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of July 22, 2013.

Ayes: Marvin, Clement, Dow, Garcia Absent: Wynne, Meade
Abstain: Monreal

DISCUSSION – ZONING CODE PROPOSED REVISIONS:

Vice Chairman Garcia suggested that the Commission address the review by section to expedite the process. The Commission agreed to comment by section and determine which recommendations were either acceptable or in need of further clarification.

City Planner Brandt provided a short introduction and explained to the Commission that he directed his review toward those items that he found confusing and should be relocated or removed.

There was considerable discussion concerning Landscape and Parking Standards in Chapters 5D1 and 5D2. The Commission unanimously agreed to consolidate the Parking Standards Section.

Planning Director Wlaschin requested that the Code provide clarification concerning the parking and storage of vehicles “for sale” on public property. He also showed concern and requested clarification in the Code for the storing and parking of vehicles and trailers within the setback and covered parking structures on private property.

The Commission discussed Chapter 6 and agreed to remove Street Lights in the Public Right of Way from the Zoning Code, acknowledging that those requirements should be addressed in the Public Works Improvement Standards. However, the Commission agreed to leave Downtown Historic Lighting requirements in the Zoning Code.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Brandt requested that the Regular Meeting on August 26th begin at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Marvin stated he would not be able to attend, but requested the Commission move forward with the time change. The Commission agreed to hold the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Wlaschin reported on the traffic challenges encountered near West Hills College the first day of the Fall Semester. He explained that due to the Highway 198 Interchange Project, 19th Avenue north and south will be closed for approximately a month, but that the project is on schedule.

Wlaschin also reported that staff is working with developers on the 19 ½ Avenue apartment project known as "The Grove" as well as CalTrans and the Railroad for safe routes to school. So far the City's requests seem to be acceptable and staff is merely waiting for documents to be signed.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:13 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 26th day of August, 2013.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Dr. Ronald Meade, Chairman

Attest:

Kristie R. Baley, Board Clerk