

Minutes of the
LEMOORE PLANNING COMMISSION
June 24, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Meade, Vice-Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Clement, Marvin, Monreal, Wynne; City Planner Brandt, Planning Director Wlaschin, Project Manager Holwell, Chief Deputy City Clerk Austin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Avila requested a variance in the setback requirements for installing a swimming pool. He was referred to planning staff to apply for a variance.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2013:

There was a correction to the minutes in regards to the Ad Hoc Committees. Commissioner Clement, not Meade, was appointed to the Administrative Clean-up Committee.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Clement to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of June 10, 2013.

Ayes: Garcia, Clement, Marvin, Monreal, Wynne, Meade

DISCUSSION – 2013 ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS – PROPOSED PROCESS AND GENERAL TIMELINE:

City Planner Brandt presented the proposed timeline for the zoning code update. He presented the Commission with an outline of the items to be looked into and noted most problems seem to be in the processes and design regulation sections.

Commissioners indicated a desire to streamline the code to make it more understandable and easier to comply. They would also like to find a balance between allowing flexibility for applicants and protecting the quality of design and construction in the community overall.

Michael Montalbano asked the Commission to come to a consensus on their philosophy and then adopt a revised code reflecting that philosophy. He also stated the 2030 General Plan should be used as a guide for that process.

Brandt stated he would work to revise the ground rules and processes sections of the code and bring back proposed revisions. The design standards sections will require extensive research to make sure any revisions are in line with the 2030 General Plan.

John Gordon spoke regarding a letter that he received from a developer in the past outlining their concerns. He also stated some revisions of the sign ordinance are necessary to reduce fees and frustrations for businesses.

Brandt agreed to meet with the Administrative Clean-up Ad Hoc Committee to see if he could provide better direction for the task at hand.

All agreed to meet again on July 8th to review proposed revisions.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Wlaschin distributed a key to each Commissioner and explained mailboxes will be located at City Hall for Commissioners to retrieve large documents and maps that are difficult to view electronically.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Commissioner Clement expressed his concern for the potential of traffic accidents at the corner of "D" and Follett Streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved the 8th day of July, 2013.

Full digital audio recording is available.

Attest:

Dr. Ronald Meade, Chairman

Brooke Austin, Chief Deputy City Clerk