

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Oblea called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ybarra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL was taken, with the following results:

Present: Chairperson Oblea
Vice Chairperson Madrigal
Commissioner Rios
Commissioner Ybarra

Staff: Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development
Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner
Wayne Morrell, Principal Planner
Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement
Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary
Steve Skolnik, City Attorney

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A farewell gavel was presented to Richard J. Moore, who was appointed City Councilmember on December 21, 2010. Councilmember Moore thanked the Commissioners and staff members for his two years of service on the Planning Commission. Having no further discussion, Oral Communications were declared closed by Chairperson Oblea.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 13, 2010, upon unanimous consent, were declared approved by Chairperson Oblea.

6. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Oblea vacated the position as Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson Madrigal called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Commissioner Rios made a motion to nominate Michael Madrigal for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Oblea seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, declaring Michael Madrigal as Chairperson.

Chairperson Madrigal called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Oblea made a motion to nominate Laurie Rios to the position of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, declaring Laurie Rios as Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Oblea thanked his fellow commissioners and staff for the Chairmanship experience.

Chairperson Madrigal proceeded with the Planning Commission meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Madrigal opened the public hearing.

Vice Chairperson Rios asked for clarification on the public hearing case, noting it was listed as Case No. 715 on the agenda and Case No. 714 on the staff report. Mr. Morrell clarified that the correct Case No. was 714. Planning Secretary so noted changes.

Conditional Use Permit Case No. 714

Request for approval by Clear Wireless LLC to construct, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility and appurtenant equipment on a Southern California Edison transmission tower at newly assigned address of 9915 Cedardale Dale, at the s/w corner of Cedardale Avenue and Telegraph Road, in the A-1, Light Agricultural, Zone. (Dan Vozenilek for Clear Wireless, LLC).

The subject case was presented by Mr. Wayne Morrell. He stated the actual physical address of the nursery is 9919 Cedardale. Corrections to the address on page 1 and 2 of subject staff report were noted by Planning Secretary.

Commissioner Ybarra asked if the equipment was visible from Telegraph Road. Mr. Morrell stated that the equipment is not visible because the location of the equipment is approximately 10-12 feet below street level.

Commissioner Oblea asked who is leasing the land. Mr. Ashworth clarified that the nursery and cell tower are located on land owned and leased from Edison. The nursery also leases a small portion of the adjoining property to the east owned by the City.

Having no other questions, the Public Hearing was declared closed by Chairperson Madrigal.

Vice Chairperson Rios made a motion to approve Item No 6 as presented. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners:

Vice Chairperson Rios thanked staff for having the large banner sign within the Promenade Shopping Center removed.

Vice Chairperson Rios asked who would take over redevelopment projects such as the zip code change and former bowling alley site acquisition.

Mr. Ashworth answered that Thaddeus McCormack will be the point of contact regarding the zip code change project. Regarding other projects, at least for the time being, Mr. Ashworth will be handling those projects.

Commissioner Oblea asked about the city-owned property next to the nursery. Mr. Ashworth answered that the property has been owned by the city since 1986 when it was purchased from the former Rio Hondo Chapter of the Camp Fire Girls. Because the property is awkwardly configured, the site has limited development potential.

Chairperson Madrigal asked for an update on the Danby house. Mr. Ashworth answered that escrow has not closed, but the target date for move-in is the end of January.

Staff:

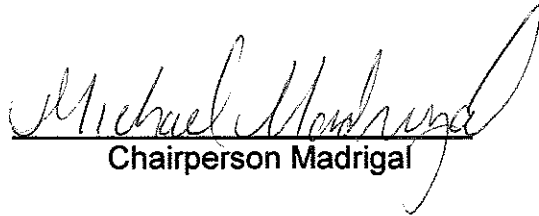
Mr. Morrell updated the Planning Commissioners on Santa Fe Plaza, including new tenants Five Guys Hamburger and Waba Grill. He also mentioned that plans for a drive-thru ATM for Chase Bank and a new façade for the Bank of America would be coming before the Planning Commission in the next few months. The Acapulco Restaurant has officially closed and negotiations were still on-going between a theater owner and the center's management.

Commissioners Oblea and Madrigal voiced their concerns about entrance and parking problems by the Mandarin Inn, as well as the Wells Fargo Bank at the opposite corner.

Mr. Ashworth reminded Planning Commissioners of City Council meeting on Thursday and announced that City Hall would be closed on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 p.m., Chairperson Madrigal adjourned the Planning Commission meeting.


Chairperson Madrigal

ATTEST:


Susan Beasley, Secretary