

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Rios asked Commissioner Johnston to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Chairperson Rios
Vice Chairperson Ybarra
Commissioner Johnston
Commissioner Madrigal
Commissioner Zevallos

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

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved upon unanimous consent and filed as submitted.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Development Plan Approval Case No. 871 and Zone Variance Case 73

Request for Development Plan Approval (DPA) to construct a 35'0" high freestanding center sign in conjunction with a comprehensive sign program (CSP), and Zone Variance (ZV) approval to allow deviations from the City's development standards associated with said freestanding center sign and a proposed 57'5" high electronic reader board sign and several directional signs. The properties are located at 13407 and 13443 Freeway Drive in M-2-FOZ, Heavy Manufacturing-Freeway Overlay Zone. (Tom's Truck Center, Inc, dba Carmenita Truck Center)

Mr. Wayne Morrell presented the subject case. Owner, K.C. Heidler, and representatives George Salzer, Vern Harmier, and Jennifer Luis were present.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked for clarification on the position of the site as it relates to the I-5 freeway. Wayne responded that the sign will be located at the southernmost end of the site to provide the most visibility to travelers along the I-5 freeway.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked about the electronic reader board's illumination. Mr. George Salzer answered that the sign's brightness will be regulated by a photocell (0-100% light output) from daylight to dusk.

Commissioner Madrigal said Conditions of Approval Nos. 29 and 30 state that signs will be maintained but asked about the expected service response timeframe.

Mr. Salzer stated they would act promptly with an estimated turn-a-round time of 12 hours, except for time needed to secure a part not readily available.

Commissioner Madrigal thanked the applicant for staying in the city.

Chairperson Rios also thanked the applicant and wished them many more years of successful sales.

Having no further questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

Modification Permit Case No. 1226

Request for a Modification of Property Development Standards to allow an existing 10'-3" x 36'-6" (375 sq. ft.) porte cochere to encroach 2'-8" into the required 5'-0" side yard setback area on property located at 11619 Roma Street, within the R-1, Single-Family Residential Zone. (Yolanda Gallardo & Terry Corona)

Mr. Cuong Nguyen presented the subject case. The applicants were not present.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked if it was a new roof and stated that it looked good. Mr. Nguyen answered he believed it is a fairly new roof, but that it was not installed by the new owners/applicants.

Commissioner Zevallos questioned the width of the driveway. Mr. Skolnik clarified driveway standards and that they did not pertain to the subject porte cochere.

Having no further questions, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve Item No. 7. Vice Chairperson Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Rios welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Moore who was in the audience. Mayor Pro Tem Moore greeted everyone and welcomed Commissioner Zevallos to the Planning Commission.

Skolnik addressed the Planning Commissioners on Brown Act procedures.

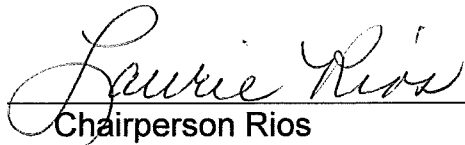
Planning Secretary announced the American Planning Association conference to be held in April with an early registration deadline of February 16. Vice Chairperson Ybarra and Commission Zevallos stated they would not be able to attend.

Mr. Morrell announced that staff would begin preparing informational presentations for the Commission as caseload permits.

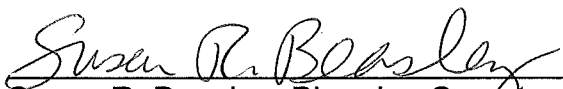
The Secretary noted that the next Commission meeting date, February 13, 2012, falls on a holiday in which case the Bylaws provide that the meeting would fall on the following day. In order to accommodate schedules, it was proposed that the meeting begin at 4:00 pm, a half hour earlier. Chairperson Rios made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, February 14 at 4:00 p.m. Commission Johnston seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Rios adjourned the Planning Commission meeting to Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.


Chairperson Rios

ATTEST:


Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary