

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
September 14, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Madrigal called the study session to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Madrigal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Madrigal
Vice Chairperson Zamora
Commissioner Arnold
Commissioner Johnston

Staff: Wayne M. Morrell, Director of Planning
Steve Skolnik, City Attorney
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner
Teresa Cavallo, Planning Secretary
Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works

Absent: Commissioner Ybarra

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications were opened at 6:02 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed at 6:02 p.m.

5. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Regular Planning Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Arnold moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015; Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. There being no objections the minutes were unanimously approved and filed as submitted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Appeal of Parkway Tree Removal Decision

Resident request for removal of parkway tree at 11718 Garetal Street.

Chairperson Madrigal called upon Director of Public Works Noe Negrete to present Item No. 6 before the Planning Commission.

Director of Public Works Noe Negrete gave a brief background as to the procedures and policy in place as it pertains to an Appeal of the Director of Public Works' decision not to have a City parkway tree removed. Director of Public Works Noe Negrete presented what steps the Department of Public Works has taken with regard to the City resident's request to have the

City tree removed. Mr. Negrete discussed the checklist that the City's Arborist utilizes to determine if a City tree should be removed. This particular City tree did not meet any of those requirements. Therefore, the Director of Public Works Noe Negrete denied the City resident's request to have the City tree removed.

Commissioner Johnston commented that even if the Planning Commission grants the City resident's request for approval to remove the tree, the resident indicates that she cannot afford to have the tree removed.

Chairperson Madrigal commented that he has sat in on a few of these appeals and that he drove by the residence and noticed that not every home has a tree in the parkway. Director of Public Works Noe Negrete stated that some trees have died or has been removed for different purposes. Mr. Negrete indicated the various types of trees that are planted on that block and stated that the City tree in front of this residence is one of the more mature trees on that block.

Having no further questions or comments, Chairperson Madrigal requested a motion for Item no. 6.

Commissioner Johnston moved to uphold the Director of Public Works decision not to remove the City tree; Vice Chairperson Zamora seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Planning Commission.

A. CONSENT ITEM

Conditional Use Permit Case No. 754-1

A compliance review of a trade school use on property located at 11843 Smith Avenue (APN: 8005-009-005), within the M-L (Limited Manufacturing Administration and Research) Zone. (David Romero of Southern California Resilient Floor & Decorative Covering Crafts Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee)

Since staff reports were sufficient, Chairperson Madrigal requested a motion regarding Item No. 7A.

Commissioner Arnold moved to approve Item No. 7A; Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Commissioners
Commission Zamora announced that he was running for council and that he enjoys campaigning.

Commissioner Johnston announced that she has started working for Northrop Aerospace Company and introduced her great niece Emerie Olvera.

Commissioner Arnold announced that he had a cataract removed from his right eye and the results have been amazing.

- ♦ Staff
Senior Planner Cuong Nguyen announced that the Planning Department has lost Planning Consultant Kristi Rojas who has decided to move on to raise a family and both Planning Interns. However, the Planning Department has hired a new Planning Intern, Vince Velasco, who began working today.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m. Chairperson Madrigal adjourned the meeting to Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Teresa Cavallo, Planning Secretary


Vice Chairperson Zamora