

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**January 13, 2009**

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Garcia, Gregory, Holstine, Johnson, Nemeth, Peterson, Treach

**ABSENT:** None

**OATHS OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEWLY APPOINTED PLANNING COMMISSIONERS GARCIA, GREGORY AND STEINBECK.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

City Councilman Ed Steinbeck welcomed the new Planning Commissioners.

Kathy Barnett welcomed the new Planning Commissioners and asked about where City Council and Planning Commission Meetings will be held while the new audio/visual equipment is being installed.

**STAFF BRIEFING:** None

**AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE TABLED OR RE-SCHEDULED:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

\*\*\*\*\*

**Planning Commission approval of a development project is one step in the process of meeting applicable legal requirements. In addition to receiving Planning Commission approvals, all development plans must comply with applicable Zoning and Building Codes. Applicants are encouraged to consult with a design professional to confirm what provisions of the Uniform Building Codes and, in particular, requirements for handicapped access will apply to your project and the design and/or financial implications of meeting these legal requirements.**

**All items on the Planning Commission Agenda are scheduled for action unless explicitly otherwise stated. Planning Commission Action on General Plan Amendments, Rezones, Street and Public Easement Abandonments, Street Name Changes, Code Amendments and any legislative related action is a recommendation to the City Council; the Council will hold a separate public hearing prior to taking final action. All Other Planning Commission action is final unless an appeal application, including the required fee, is filed with the Community Development Department within 15 calendar days of the date of the action. Any member of the public or the City Council may file an appeal. Please see last page of agenda for how to file an appeal.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. FILE #: **TIME EXTENSION PLANNED DEVELOPMENT 04-015**
- APPLICATION: To consider a request for a one year time extension to construct two 22,000 square foot industrial buildings. The Planning Commission will also be considering the content and potential application of any conditions of approval that relate to the subject application.
- APPLICANT: Nick E. Pokrajac
- LOCATION: 1500 Ramada Drive. (APN: 009-631-006)

Opened Public Hearing.

**Public Testimony:** A motion was made by Commissioner Nemeth, seconded by Commissioner Holstine, and passed 7-0 to approve a one year time extension for Planned Development 04-015 as presented.

\*\*\*\*\*

**OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- 2. **COMMUNITY BUDGET GOALS RECOMMENDATION FY 2009-11**

The following comments were received:

**Kathy Barnett:**

- Wants a better financial picture provided before goals are discussed.
- Wants better communication with citizens; such as KPRL discussions and newsletter/newspaper articles on the Goals.
- Is concerned about competing policies. For instance the Economic Strategy stresses education while Town Center Specific Plan got the top votes.
- Wants public safety resources protected during slow economic times.

**Commissioner Comments**

**Chuck Trench:** Suggests we finish what we've started;

- Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan and Form Based Codes
- Circulation Element Update.

**Steve Gregory:**

- Focus on downtown business health
- Continue to pursue solutions to traffic circulation

**Margaret Holstine:**

- No added comments but wants CIP status provided

**Ron Johnson:**

- General road maintenance
- Alley improvement on Westside

**Joel Peterson:**

- Focus on existing goals
- Would like to change priorities
  - 1) Complete Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan
  - 2) CalTrans Hwy 46 work (including parallel route studies)
  - 3) Streamline permit process

**Al Garcia:**

- Continue the course on existing goals
- Pursue new industry for Paso including incentives

**Gary Nemeth:**

- Business stimulus and streamlining
- Improved communication with outside agencies
- Addressing SB375 and AB32

**General List**

- Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan
  - Including Form Based Codes and downtown parking
- Circulation Element
  - Including parallel routes and CalTrans' Hwy 46e Corridor Study
- CIP
  - Existing Road Maintenance
  - Parking
- Business Stimulus Strategies
  - Streamlining
  - Health of existing business
  - New business Strategies
  - Promoting tourism
- Improve relationships with County and other outside jurisdictions
- Continue to process CRASP & OBSP as authorized by the current General Plan
- Consider River Oaks, the Next Chapter Specific Plan

**Action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gregory and passed 7-0, to recommend the following goals to City Council:

Top Goals (in Priority Order):

1. Completion of the Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan, including development of a form based code and implementation of downtown parking solutions.
2. Circulation Element Update
3. Implement the City's CIP Program giving priority to maintenance of existing roads and alleys.
4. Completion of Olsen/Beechwood Specific Plan and Chandler Ranch Area Specific Plan as envisioned by the current General Plan.

Other Important Objectives (in Priority Order):

5. Business Stimulus Strategy including business retention, downtown business expansion, new business recruitment and streamlining.
6. Improve relationships with the County and other outside jurisdictions
7. Complete River Oaks II Specific Plan

\*\*\*\*\*

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE** -- NONE

\*\*\*\*\*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3. Development Review Committee Minutes (DRC) (for approval):
  - a. November 17, 2008
  - b. November 24, 2008
  - c. December 1, 2008
  - d. December 8, 2008
  - e. December 15, 2008

**Action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and passed 4-0-3 (the three new Commissioners [Garcia, Gregory and Nemeth] abstained), to approve the DRC Minutes listed above as presented.

4. Other Committee Reports:
  - a. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee: Commissioner Treach provided an update including the Committee's Goals recommendations.
  - b. PAC (Project Area Committee): Commissioner Treach provided an update including the Committee's Redevelopment Funding recommendations and recommended budget goals.
  - c. Main Street Program: Commissioner Holstine provided an update.
  - d. Airport Advisory Committee: Commissioner Peterson provided an update.
  - e. Measure T Bond Oversight Committee: No report.

The following appointments were made to the above Committees for 2009:

A vote of the Commissioners was taken for the four members who expressed interest in sitting on the Development Review Committee. The votes were as follows:

<b>Commissioner</b>	Gregory	Holstine	Nemeth	Treach
Garcia		X	X	X
Gregory	X	X		X
Holstine		X	X	X
Johnson	X	X		X
Nemeth		X	X	X
Peterson	X		X	X
Treach	X	X		X
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

A second vote was taken to break the tie. The votes were as follows:

<b>Commissioner</b>	Gregory	Nemeth
Garcia		X
Gregory	X	
Holstine		X
Johnson	X	
Nemeth		X
Peterson		X
Treach	X	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Commissioners Treatch and Holstine and Nemeth are the DRC Committee members for 2009. The alternates are Commissioners Gregory and Peterson.

The following Committee appointments were also made:

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee:** Commissioner Gregory; Commissioner Treatch, alternate.

**PAC (Project Area Committee):** Commissioner Garcia; Commissioner Holstine, alternate

**Main Street Program:** Commissioner Holstine; Commissioner Peterson, alternate

**Airport Advisory Committee:** Commissioner Nemeth; Commissioner Peterson, alternate

**Measure T Bond Oversight Committee:** Commissioner Peterson; Commissioner Gregory, alternate

\*\*\*\*\*

**CDBG/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**

All programs are proceeding on schedule.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

5. a. November 25, 2008
- b. December 9, 2008

**Action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and passed 4-0-3 (the three new Commissioners [Garcia, Gregory and Nemeth] abstained), to approve the Planning Commission Minutes listed above as presented.

## **REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

6. January 6, 2009

Commissioner Treach and Ron Whisenand provided an update of the January 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

## **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Nemeth stated that there is a street light bulb out at 6<sup>th</sup> and Spring Streets. He also asked about better review of abandoned pole signs.
- Commissioner Garcia expressed thanks to Lonnie and the City for the installation dinner and thanked staff and the Commission for the warm welcome to the Planning Commission.
- Commissioner Peterson welcomed the new Planning Commissioners.
- Commissioner Johnson provided an update on past streamlining efforts; and would like periodic Economic Strategy Status Reports.
- Commissioner Holstine commented on the completion of the seismic retrofit of the Carnegie Library; and added her welcome to the new Planning Commissioners.
- Commissioner Gregory thanked the City for the installation dinner and thanked staff and the Commission for the warm welcome and stated it is 'good to be on board'.
- Commissioner Treach stated that he is looking forward to this year. He asked about improving the way Planning Commission decisions and recommendations are forwarded to the City Council. He also asked for a status report of the Mathew's public art mural.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** to the County Conservation Element Workshop of Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm at Paso Robles City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446;

**subsequent adjournment** to the Joint Planning Commission City Council Breakfast meeting of Friday, January 16, 2009 at 7:00 am at Touch of Paso Restaurant;

**subsequent adjournment** to the Development Review Committee Meeting of Monday, January 26, 2009 at 3:30 pm at Paso Robles City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446;

**subsequent adjournment** to the Planning Commission Meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Paso Robles City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL NOR ARE THEY A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORD UNTIL APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING.