



Monday, February 19, 2013

A special meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Elisaldez at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA.

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Martinez, Director
Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

ABSENT: None.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Commissioner Martinez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 4, 2013

It was moved by Commissioner Elisaldez to approve the minutes of February 4, 2013, with one correction, seconded by Commissioner Zermeno. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONTINUED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) Graffiti on Rio Hondo Trail- Deputy Director Gonzalez stated that this was abated by LA County Department of Public Works.
- b.) Home Depot Day Laborers- Director Martinez responded that Ray Chavez dealt with this issue back in 2001. The property management group that owns the parking lot does not want to get involved with liability issues that may arise when building a day laborer kiosk. Staff is conducting further research to see what if anything can be done.

Commissioner Zermeno advised that in the City of Los Angeles, there was also a different property management group that owned the parking lot separate from the Home Depot pad. He said he would email staff more information.

- c.) Myron/Passons Street light- Deputy Director Gonzalez stated that Southern California Edison (SCE) has been informed of the non functioning street light. SCE responded that they are backlogged. Staff will continue to monitor until this has been abated.
- d.) Homeless Count Results- Director Martinez stated that approximately, 58 homeless were counted by staff. This number will be further analyzed to obtain a more accurate count. The numbers should be ready in about thirty days.
- e.) County Sewer Services-Commissioner Celiz requested clarification for the City Council item regarding the county sewer services. Deputy Director Gonzalez stated that the City took over the management of sewer maintenance from the County. With this approval, the City will collect the tax assessments that go on property taxes for better sewer maintenance and control.

Commissioner Martinez asked what the takeover would include. Assistant City Engineer Guerrero answered that the City is taking over the entire maintenance and operation of the sewer system, which will include the main lines as well as the laterals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Recommend to the City Council to appropriate \$320,000 in Public Image Enhancement program funds for Smith Park.

Deputy Director Gonzalez presented the staff report requesting an additional \$320,000 for funding the Smith Park improvements from the Public Image Enhancement program funds. The impact fee is calculated at 1% for major commercial/industrial projects with a valuation of over \$150,000 and major residential projects at 0.5% with a valuation over \$100,000.

In the past, staff has requested 2.5 million for Smith and Rio Vista Parks. This was split evenly between both parks.

Commissioner Martinez asked if there was a report to the Planning Commission on how the funds were utilized.

Deputy Director Gonzalez responded that the spending is not reported back to the Commission but there is the annual CAFR that reports how the funds were used.

Chairperson Elisaldez stated that Ralph Aranda had previously come to the Planning Commission and explained how the funds were allocated.

Assistant City Engineer Gutierrez was present at the meeting and was able to answer any questions that the Planning Commissioners had regarding the ongoing park construction.

Commissioner Celiz stated that the Commission could also go to their respective Council members to ask questions.

Commissioner Garcia responded that staff is always available to answer any questions.

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Chairperson Elisaldez. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b) Commissioner Garcia asked if the City had plans for the vacant land next to the Passons Underpass. Residents mentioned to Commissioner Garcia that a park would be desired by the neighborhood.


PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a) CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF February 12, 2013 – Commissioner Martinez reported that the porte-cocheres ordinance amendment was continued to the public hearing meeting of March 26, 2013. There was also discussion on the architects for the Smith and Pico Park plans. Captain Thornton reported that crime was down in the City. A handout was also distributed on Senior Scam stoppers.
- b) PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF Tuesday, February 26, 2013 - Commissioner Zermeno confirmed his attendance.

There being no further business the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Tommy Elisaldez, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Benjamin A. Martinez, Secretary
Planning Commission
Director of Community and Economic Development