



A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA.

Chairperson Fred Zermeno called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the Planning Commission.

**PRESENT:** Celiz, Garcia, Zermeno

**ABSENT:** Elisaldez, Gomez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mike Garcia, Sr. Manager, Economic Development

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to formally excuse Commissioners Elisaldez and Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Celiz. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Celiz, Garcia, Zermeno

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Elisaldez, Gomez

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** There was none.

Commissioner Celiz made a motion to accept the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 23, 2017 and seconded by Commission Garcia. Motion carried with the following votes

**AYES:** Celiz, Garcia, Zermeno

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Elisaldez, Gomez

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** There were none.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:**

- **City Council meeting of February 14, 2016** – There was nothing to report to the Commission.
- **City Council meeting of February 28, 2016** – Commissioner Celiz reported about the presentation made to Gabrielle Martinez, a resident of the City and a student at El Rancho High School, who was named Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club. Director Carmona added that the \$3,000 scholarship Ms. Martinez was awarded was through the CalGrip program in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club.
- Commissioner Celiz confirmed her attendance to the City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Economic Development Senior Manager Mike Garcia made a presentation to the Commission regarding ongoing and upcoming project developments in the City. Mr. Garcia also touched upon the City's Commercial Façade Program that would help businesses in the City in improving their frontage/signage.

Senior Manager Garcia informed the Commission how the Economic Development team used results from a survey conducted as a tool in determining what type of retail and eating establishments the community wants to have in the City.

Commissioner Zermeno asked if some of the City's surplus can be dedicated solely for commercial façade improvements.

Director Carmona stated there is no longer a Redevelopment Agency, the City does have a Commercial Façade Improvement program for businesses that meet the requirements.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Zermeno asked for an update on the Sports Arena; specifically, about the signage and who is responsible for cleaning the area. He also asked about the campground.

Senior Manager Garcia stated that the City now has control of the billboard. He added that the City is looking into ways to improve the City. However, a hydrology study needs to be completed before moving forward with any plans.

With respect to the campgrounds, Director Carmona stated that plans are on hold until completion of the hydrology study.

Commissioner Zermeno asked if staff received a response to the Commission's inquiry about the median island that was painted blue.

Deputy Director Gonzalez reported that she spoke to the Public Works Superintendent who informed her that it was just a test, that it was only temporary. She added that because there are no water pipelines to irrigate the median, water trucks are being used. She stated that Public Works is looking into ways to get water from the WRD once their new facility is completed and up and running.

Commissioner Celiz asked for an update on the Rivera Gardens facility in light of incidents involving residents.

Director Carmona stated that staff and the Sheriff's Dept. continue to monitor issues at the facility while waiting for City Council direction. He stated that although the State oversees the licensing of the facility, the City has made it known that daily occurrences of issues are not acceptable and are documented. Mr. Carmona also stated that the City has reached out to nearby businesses and residents, providing them direct contact

information to report nuisance issues caused by the residents of the facility.

Commissioner Garcia asked staff to find out if Public Works has conducted an assessment of the streets due the recent rains.

Deputy Director Gonzalez stated she would follow up and report back to the Commission.

Director Carmona informed the Commission that due to some discussion regarding Community Choice Aggregation during the last Planning Commission meeting, he is looking to have a presentation on this matter at the next meeting.

Commissioner Zermeno adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:16 p.m. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**AYES:** Celiz, Garcia, Zermeno  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Elisaldez, Gomez



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Fred Zermeno, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**



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Steven Carmona, Director of Community & Economic Development  
Secretary, Planning Commission

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting dated March 6, 2017 and approved by the Planning Commission on May 1, 2017.



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Steven Carmona, Director of Community & Economic Development  
Secretary, Planning Commission