

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

January 22, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Del Nero, Kachel, Meyer, Williams, Student Commissioner Linhares

ABSENT: Smith (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Kenneth Craig, Planning Manager Barry Siebe, Senior Planner Tom Westbrook, Assistant Planner James Michaels, City Attorney Michael Lyons, Administrative Secretary Linda Ryno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Meyer.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2008 CALENDAR YEAR

Commissioner Kachel nominated Gary Del Nero as Chairperson. Commissioner Williams nominated Brandy Meyer as Chairperson. Ms. Meyer declined the nomination.

It was seconded by Commissioner Meyer to appoint Gary Del Nero as the Chairperson. Motion carried 4/0.

Commissioner Kachel nominated Ruthanne Williams as the Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Del Nero seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. December 17, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to approve the minutes as presented. Carried 4/0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED) AND CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

It was moved by Commissioner Meyers, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. "Planning Commissioners Journal", Fall 2007.

This was received for information only.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Public Hearing for Consideration and Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Copper Trails (continued from October 15, 2007 and December 3, 2007).

Chairperson Del Nero re-convened the public hearing. Seeing no one in the audience wishing to speak, Chairperson Del Nero closed the public hearing. It was moved by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to direct staff to re-notice the public hearing when the applicant is ready to proceed. Carried 4/0.

Director Craig advised the Commission that the applicant is working with staff on the timing and quantity of public improvements before the item is heard before the Commission.

4. Public Hearing to consider a Planned Community Master Plan Amendment. Application 07-18 PCMP/07-27 PCDP. Joe Wu, applicant.

Assistant Planner Michaels gave a report.

Chairperson Del Nero opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Darrell Souza, representing the applicant, briefly described the project.

The public hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to adopt PC Resolution 08-01. Carried 4/0.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to adopt PC Resolution 08-02. Carried 4/0.

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF:

None

REPORTS:

Commissioner Kachel commented that the speed bumps had been removed from Glasgow.

Director Craig advised the Commission that the City had recently reviewed its policy on how the City goes about making the kinds of modifications as stated earlier by Commissioner Kachel. Mr. Craig continued that past practice had been for an administrative traffic committee, which had not been created by the Council, to take a collection of requested community actions for speed bumps, yield signs and traffic signs for their consideration, group them all together over a period of a 3-6 month period, and take action on a whole host of items. Mr. Craig further commented that as he began to understand this process, he decided it probably wasn't the most customer friendly approach and it seemed awfully bureaucratic and required a lot of staff time to undertake the staff reports for each of those items in addition to the work that they were doing to establish warrant conditions for the requested items. Mr. Craig said he took the item to a Council Study Session advising the Council that typically this process is handled by the City Engineer. The Council concurred that the City Engineer would be responsible for these traffic items, with the Council being the appeal body for the decisions of the City Engineer. Mr. Craig further continued that in this particular case, the City had a request to put in those speed bumps in 2005, and after appropriate traffic warrants were done, it was found that it met those warrants and the speed bumps were installed. Then 2 ½ years later, the same person requested that they be removed. After that request was made, staff went through the warrant process again, and this time, the warrants were met to remove the speed bumps. Mr. Craig continued that although it may seem technically correct, it's not a practical approach to these kinds of public facilities and as a result of this particular issue, the Engineering Division will be reviewing its policies as it relates to these kinds of issues.

Mr. Craig also commented that he and Planning Manager Siebe would be working on the agenda for the next meeting to include some items for Planning Commission training and that if any of the Commission had specific ideas of things they would like covered, to let them know and they'll try to put together something for that.

Planning Manager Siebe commented that his initial thought was to give the Commission a longer range of view of some of the things that are upcoming that staff is working on either now or that we know that are in the pipeline that are going to be coming the Commission's way in the not too distant future.

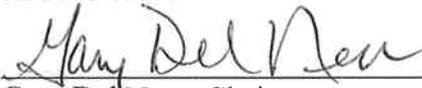
Director Craig that they will not restrict training items to just planning issues, even though they want that to be the focus because there's a great overlap with those planning issues and issues that were addressed relative to infrastructure and engineering and the City's capital programs. Director Craig continued that staff will take the opportunity to talk about everything going on in the Community Development Department.

Commissioner Williams asked about the League of California Cities Conference? Director Craig responded that it would be in March in Sacramento.

ADJOURNMENT:

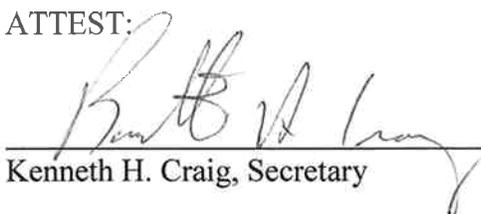
The Commission adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 4, 2008.

APPROVED:



Gary Del Nero, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Kenneth H. Craig, Secretary