

CITY OF CERES  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2013

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Chapman, Del Nero, Kachel, Molina

**ABSENT:** Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Michael Lyons, Director of Community Development Tom Westbrook, Deputy City Manager/City Engineer/Public Works Director Toby Wells, Secretary Ann Montgomery

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Molina.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

It was moved by Chairperson Kachel; seconded by Commissioner Chapman to elect Gary Del Nero for the position of Chairperson for the Planning Commission; Carried 4/0.

It was moved by Commissioner Molina; seconded by Commissioner Del Nero to elect Dave Chapman for the position of Vice Chairperson for the Planning Commission; Carried 4/0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. It was moved by Commissioner Chapman; seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2012 meeting; Carried 4/0.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

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

It was moved by Commissioner Kachel; seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the agenda as posted; Carried 4/0.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC MEETING(S):**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF**

None

**REPORTS:**

Staff

Mr. Westbrook provided an update on the following projects:

- Mitchell Ranch – We are waiting for the Appellate Court to rule on the appeal of the Superior Court decision on the Administrative Record.
- West Landing Specific Plan – The Protect Agricultural Land group appealed the Superior Court decision in favor of the City and LAFCO; we are awaiting a decision.

Mr. Westbrook also provided a brief report on current Commercial and Residential development in Ceres.

Staff has just begun looking at developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan to have ready for Council consideration in May/June 2013. The Planning Commission will be notified of upcoming public workshops and meetings as they are scheduled.

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Mr. Wells presented an update on recently completed and current Engineering projects in the City.

Commission

Vice Chairperson Chapman reported he was contacted by the Ceres Courier regarding doing a feature article on him.

Chairperson Del Nero announced that at the last City Council meeting, he and Commissioner Kachel were reappointed to the Planning Commission for another four years. He thanked staff for the quality of work they do and keeping the Commission informed.

Announcements:

- Saturday, January 26th is the Farmland Ag Mini-Conference at Samaritan Village in Hughson from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- The reservations have been made and confirmed for the Planning Commissioners Academy in Pasadena on February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Commission adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

APPROVED:

  
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Gary Del Nero, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Tom Westbrook, Secretary