

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

December 16, 2013

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chapman, Del Nero, Kachel, Smith

ABSENT: Molina

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Westbrook,
Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Toby Wells, City
Attorney Mike Lyons, Secretary/Deputy City Clerk Ann
Montgomery

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Del Nero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Kachel; seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2013 meeting; Carried 4/0.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

It was moved by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Chairperson Del Nero to elect Commissioner Chapman as Chairperson of the Planning Commission; Carried 4/0.

It was moved by Chairperson Del Nero; seconded by Commissioner Chapman to elect Commissioner Smith as Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission; Carried 4/0.

Mr. Westbrook announced those appointments will become effective at our next Planning Commission meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014.

SELECTION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. Westbrook provided a brief update of the two meetings that were held recently regarding Downtown Revitalization; the CDRAB Board meeting on October 21st and the

Community Workshop on the Future of Downtown Ceres on November 20th. Four recommendations came of that meeting on November 20th, which will be discussed in a detailed report to the CDRAB Board, at the second meeting in January.

A brief discussion ensued regarding selecting two Planning Commission members to be on an Ad-hoc Committee to participate in discussions about Downtown Revitalization and any other economic meetings that may be set within the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Kachel; seconded by Chairperson Del Nero to nominate Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Chapman to be members of the Ad-Hoc Committee; 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 Smith; seconded by Commissioner Kachel, 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:

- The former Long John Silvers on Hatch Road is under construction. It's going to be rebranded and opened as a Popeye's Restaurant. They have an extremely aggressive schedule and hope to open before the end of the month.
- We received some contact from an architect who may be considering doing a remodel to the Taco Bell at Hatch and Herndon Road; a modernization of the building, consisting of an exterior elevation improvement.
- Two upcoming projects:
 - A new office building at 6th and Park Streets. This will be an agenda item at our next meeting on January 6th. We are excited about getting some new construction downtown.
 - The McDonald's at the corner of Hatch and Mitchell Roads. They are planning to scrape that building and build a new one that will be larger and more modern.

Mr. Wells provide a brief update on some projects:

- PG&E project on Whitmore Avenue is basically done, although they still have finish paving to do. We need 50 degrees and warming in order to pave, so are looking at spring break possibly to finish, or worst case, early summer.
- The Bike Path along the Ceres Main is under construction currently; east of Mitchell from Hatch to Whitmore Avenue.
- Three projects that will start after the 1st of the year:
 - Whitmore Avenue Interchange Landscaping Project
 - Service Road Sewer, between Central and Moffett
 - Water Main project over by Central and Caswell Avenues in the Darrah Hollister neighborhood

Commission

Chairperson Del Nero thanked staff for a great year.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 6:21 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 6, 2014.

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APPROVED:



Gary Del Nero, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Tom Westbrook, Secretary

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