

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

September 15, 2014

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chapman, Del Nero, Molina, Smith

ABSENT: Kachel

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Chapman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Molina; seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Chapman, Del Nero, Molina, Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kachel

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- Renee Ledbetter, Ceres Chamber of Commerce President

Mrs. Ledbetter invited the Commissioners and staff to attend the Chamber's Coffee Hour on Friday, September 19th at 7:30 a.m. at Power Up Nutrition in the Richland Shopping Center. A health specialist will be the guest speaker.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Del Nero; seconded by Commissioner Molina to approve the agenda as posted (or amended) and certification of posting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Chapman, Del Nero, Molina, Smith
NOES: None
ABSENT: Kachel

ADJOURN AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE CERES DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AREA BOARD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Chapman, Del Nero, Molina, Smith

ABSENT: Kachel

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Concerts in the Park donation back to CDRAB

Recreation Supervisor, Cambria Pollinger provided a brief update regarding the successful Concerts in the Park series this year. New music, active community members, good weather and the addition of new food and alcohol sales all contributed to an increase in attendance. Fundraising efforts consisting of the Celebrity Waiters' Night and the Concerts in the Park "Cash Pass" were very successful. Ms. Pollinger presented a check for one-third of the approximate \$4,000 raised to the CDRAB Board.

RECONVENED AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION at 6:07 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) for the modification Code Section 18.42.100 – Definitions – of the City of Ceres Ordinance

Director of Community Development, Tom Westbrook presented the staff report.

Short discussion ensued regarding the recent denial of dd's Discounts sign variance. It was suggested that after the City Council makes their decision on the amendment, that Mr. Westbrook meet with the manager of dd's Discounts on behalf of the Planning Commission and the City and explain what has happened. This will demonstrate a goodwill gesture, and thus relay that the City values their business in the community.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Molina to adopt PC Resolution No. 14-14. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Chapman, Del Nero, Molina, Smith
NOES: None
ABSENT: Kachel

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC MEETING(S):

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

None

REPORTS:

Mr. Westbrook:

- He had the pleasure of working with both Renee Ledbetter and Cambria Pollinger on the Concerts in the Park series. He attended every concert this year and is looking forward to next year's series.
- Chamber Coffee-Hour this Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Power-Up Nutrition.
- The Imperial Knights Show is coming up on September 24th. It's a fundraiser for the two high schools at the Diamond Bar Arena. Tickets can be purchased through the Chamber's office.
- Recreational and Occupancy Uses in the Industrial Zones – This item will be presented at the next City Council Study Session on Monday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission is welcome to attend. The staff report emphasized that the Planning Commission did struggle, and therefore the detailed minutes were included for the Council's consideration.
- He attended the League of California Cities annual conference in Los Angeles earlier this month. It was very informative and attendees included City Managers, Executive Staff and City Council Members. There were a significant number of exhibitors at the Expo, and approximately 800-900 in attendance.

Mr. Wells:

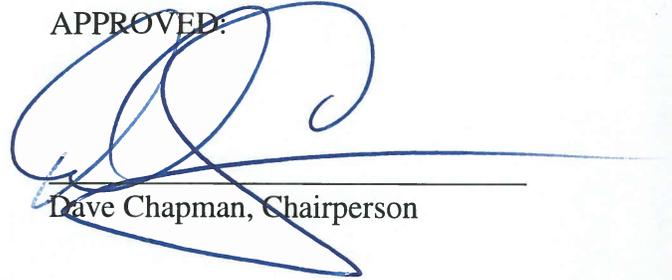
- He also attended the League of California Cities annual conference. It was a great opportunity to network and see all the different issues from that city perspective. One of the things that was discussed in a session he attended was "scope," i.e. what the Council should look at and what the City Manager should look at. A telescope is what the Council should be looking through most of the time; looking at broad, long-range policy setting, and a microscope is what the City Manager should be looking through most of the time; the details of what exactly is going on. It was a really good perspective on how we can try to keep our vision aligned of where we're looking. He's excited about the direction our city is headed. We do have some challenges ahead of us.
- There are two important upcoming meetings:
 - Study Session on September 22nd – Recreational and Occupancy Uses in Industrial Zone
 - Special City Council meeting on September 29th - Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 6:24 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, October 6, 2014.

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APPROVED:



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Dave Chapman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



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Tom Westbrook, Secretary

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