

**CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 4, 2016

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Kachel.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners: Condit, Del Nero, Molina, Smith,
Chairperson Kachel

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Westbrook,
City Manager Toby Wells, Director of Engineering
Services/City Engineer Daryl Jordan, Associate
Planner James Michaels, Recreation Manager Traci
Farris, City Attorney Tom Hallinan, Secretary/Deputy
City Clerk Ann Montgomery

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- Leonard Shepherd, 2841 Fowler Road, Space 71, Ceres, CA

Mr. Shepherd remarked that this is his first Planning Commission meeting of many. He noted his concerns about the Planning Commission restricting the rights of citizens on their property, and the lack of attendance by other citizens. He also advised that the Commission keep in mind that Ceres is an agricultural area when working on the General Plan Update. We don't need more expansion of population, but expansion of our Fire and Police Department staff in addition to business and industry.

Chairperson Kachel thanked Mr. Shepherd for attending and looks forward to seeing and hearing from him at future meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Clerk's Report of Posting. The Agenda for the regular meeting of the Planning Commission of January 4, 2016 was posted on December 22, 2015.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Molina to approve the Consent Calendar item. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Condit, Del Nero, Molina, Smith, Chairperson Kachel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Consideration of a proposal for a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the entire City of Ceres area. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is designed to capture a specific range of information for the strategic planning purposes and provides an analysis that includes an inventory of all Ceres park facilities with community input and synthesizes these results into a set of recommendations.

Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Daryl Jordan provided a brief background on the agenda item prior to introducing consultant, Chad Kennedy from O'Dell Engineering.

Mr. Kennedy provided a power point presentation explaining the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A lengthy Commission discussion ensued, resulting in Commission Members requesting the following changes to the Plan:

- Remove the word "encourage" from "*Encourage* regular reporting by City Parks and Recreation staff to City Council as to the progress on the recommendations of this Master Plan."
- Recommend Council consideration of an additional dog park to be located at Neel Park.
- Add "Evaluate existing Detention Basins for future Park development."

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

- Joseph Carrillo, 1009 Payne Avenue, Ceres, CA

Mr. Carrillo asked what the proposed improvement plan for Smyrna Park might be.

Mr. Kennedy referred to the Recommendation Section of the Plan, explaining that there currently are no major recommendations for Smyrna Park. He also noted that new restrooms were recently added to Smyrna Park, but that wasn't included in the Plan since that project was completed prior to this Plan being finished.

The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Brief Commission discussion ensued.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Condit to recommend the Council adopt the Negative Declaration, and also recommend the Council approve the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan per the findings in the PC Draft Resolutions 16-01 and 16-02, with the additions and recommendations by Commissioners Condit and Smith:

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Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC MEETING(S):

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

None

REPORTS:

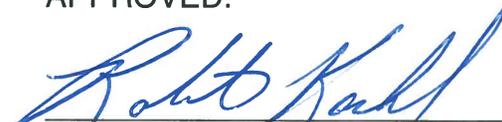
Director of Community Development, Tom Westbrook announced two upcoming events:

- County Planning Directors' Workshop on Saturday, February 27th featuring guest speaker, Mike Durkee.
- League of California Cities just released information regarding the upcoming Planning Commissioners Academy in early March.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 7:14 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, February 1, 2016.

APPROVED:



Robert Kachel, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Tom Westbrook, Secretary