



Planning Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 6, 2009
6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

These Minutes have been Abbreviated. Cassette Tape Recordings of the Full Proceedings are on File and Available to the Public.

Agenda Items

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alvarado at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Farias, Alvarado Pruitt, Reynolds.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca, Flores.

Also Present: Senior Assistant City Attorney Jodi Doucette, Principal Planner Peggy Chapin, Assistant Planner Martin Reeder, Assistant Civil Engineer Adam Landa.

Led by Commissioner Farias.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

1. Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Pruitt, for approval of the minutes for the meeting of March 2, 2009.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Farias, Alvarado Pruitt, Reynolds.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca, Flores.

Commissioner Flores arrived at the meeting.

Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Pruitt, for approval of Agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Motion carried by the following vote:

Farias, Alvarado Pruitt, Reynolds, Flores.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca,

Karl Higgins, Underground Technologies of Carlsbad, provided information to the Commission about plastic manholes, an alternative to concrete manholes.

Oral Communications

PRESENTATIONS

2. Port Commissioner Dukie Valderrama updated the Commissioners on port activities and improvements proposed for the National City Marina area.

2. Update on Port District Activities by Port Commissioner Robert Valderrama.

Commissioner Pruitt thanked Port Commissioner Valderrama for all his hard work on behalf of the City.

Chairman Alvarado asked about the temporary fencing around Pepper Park.

Port Commissioner Valderrama stated this was temporary while the boat launch area was repaired.

3. Commissioner Reynolds asked if the houses would be for sale or rented.

Luis Naranja, representing applicant, spoke in support and stated that the units will be sold. He further stated that three of the units will be for current owners on "A" Avenue, and rest of the units sold. There is no longer a density bonus component to the project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Public Hearing and Proposed Negative Declaration for a Seven Lot Residential Tentative Subdivision Map including Requests for Exceptions for Lot Size, Lot Width and Street Frontage, a Variance Request for Three Story Units, Setbacks, and a Request to Waive Undergrounding of Utilities on a 0.71-Acre Site at 2121 Grove Street. Applicant: Arnold Schmidt. Staff Report by Principal Planner Peggy Chapin. Case File No. 2007-59 S, IS, Z.

Zinda Smith, 2121 Prospect, Forest and Ila Rustaad, 2101 Grove Street, Mr. Aguilar, 2045 Grove Street, Mr. Meniga, 2025 Grove Street, expressed concern over the number of units proposed, lot sizes, parking and number of variances requested.

Janice Martinelli, 926 A Avenue, spoke in support of the project.

Commissioner Farias asked Mr. Naranja if it was possible to built six units.

Mr. Naranja stated that it would be economically infeasible.

Commissioners discussed how parking would be enforced and undergrounding of utilities.

Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Farias, to close the public hearing and recommend denial of 2007-59 S,IS, Z, based on small lot size and lot width, and number of variances requested.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farias, Alvarado, Reynolds, Flores.

Nays: Pruitt.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca.

4. Staff stated that a Resolution will be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.
4. Resolution No. 5-2009. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of National City, taking action on a Seven Lot Residential Tentative Subdivision Map including Requests for Exceptions for Lot Size, Lot Width and Street Frontage, a Variance Request for Three Story Units, Setbacks, and a Request to Waive Undergrounding of Utilities on a 0.71-Acre Site at 2121 Grove Street. Applicant: Arnold Schmidt. Case File No. 2007-59 S, IS, Z.

5. Commissioner Reynolds asked for clarification of term “off-calendar”.

Chairman Alvarado asked about the temporary signs on Sweetwater Road for Cornerstone Church which seem quite large.

Staff stated that those signs along with those visible from SR54 are being reviewed by staff.

Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Pruitt, to close the public hearing and recommend approval of the draft amendment to Chapter 18.62 of the Land use code and approval of Section XII of the Local Coastal Program Implementation document, based on findings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farias, Alvarado, Pruitt, Reynolds, Flores.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca.

6. Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Pruitt to adopt Resolution No. 6-2009.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farias, Alvarado, Pruitt, Reynolds, Flores.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca.

5. Public Hearing – An Amendment to the National City Municipal code Chapter 18.62 and Local Coastal Program Implementation Document Section XII pertaining to Signs and Outdoor Advertising. Applicant; City Initiated. Staff Report by Assistant Planner Martin Reeder. Case File No. 2007-41 A, LCP.

6. Resolution No. 6-2009. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, California, taking action on an Amendment to the National City Municipal Code Chapter 18.62 and Local Coastal Program Implementation Document Section XII pertaining to Signs and Outdoor Advertising. Applicant: City Initiated. Case File No. 2007-41 A, LCP.

7. Ivar Leetma, MRW Group, LLC, 922 W. 23rd Street, submitted a color rendering and spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

Motion by Pruitt, 2nd by Reynolds, to recommend approval to amend Chapter 5, Section 5.3.4 signs, of the Harbor District Specific Area Plan of the Local Coastal Program to be consistent with City's standards – except to restrict pole sign within the Harbor District Specific Area Plan.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farias, Alvarado, Pruitt, Reynolds, Flores.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca.

8. Motion by Pruitt, 2nd by Reynolds, to adopt Resolution No. 7-2009.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farias, Alvarado, Pruitt, Reynolds, Flores.

Absent: DeLaPaz, Baca.

No Report.

Principal Planner Peggy Chapin mentioned that Community Development Director Brad Raulston will make a presentation on the General Plan at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Reynolds reported a lifted sidewalk between the driveways at the Firestone business on E. Plaza Boulevard.

No Report.

7:30 p.m.

7. Public Hearing – Request to Amend the Harbor District Specific Area Plan of the Local Coastal Program Pertaining to signs. Applicant: MRW Group LLC. Staff Report by Principal Planner Peggy Chapin. Case File No. 2009-2 LCPA.

8. Resolution No. 7-2009. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, California, taking action on an Amendment to the Harbor District Specific Area Plan of the Local Coastal Program Pertaining to Signs. Applicant: MRW Group. Case File No. 2009-2 LCPA.

Senior Assistant City Attorney

Principal Planner

Commissioners

Chairman

Adjournment



CHAIRMAN