



AZUSA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

August 13, 2008
7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: A copy of the following public hearing staff reports and Initial Studies, if applicable, for the Planning Commission projects will be available for review during regular working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday at the Planning Division and during regular hours of the Azusa City Library. Any questions regarding any agenda item may be answered by the Planning Division at (626) 812-5017. The Planning Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Azusa Civic Auditorium at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, California

Call To Order

Chairman Dierking called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Alva led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Members present: RENTSCHLER, ALVA, DIERKING, DODSON

Members Absent: ROSALES

Staff Present

City Manager, Fran Delach; BBK City Attorney, Sonia Carvalho; Director of Economic and Community Development, Kurt Christiansen; Assistant Director of Community Development, Conal McNamara; Redevelopment Project Manager, Sandra Benavides; Planning Technician, Graciela Acosta.

Approval of Minutes

None

Public Participation

1. Mike Lee, resides at 636 E. Lee Place, spoke.

Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Reports and Communications

1. **Study Session:** Planning Commission workshop including role of the Commission, making findings for approval and denial resolutions, and an overview of General Plans.

Mr. McNamara, made introduction to study session to address findings, general plan, and by-laws of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Delach stated that due to the recent number of project appeals the City Attorney, Ms. Sonia Carvalho is here. Ms. Carvalho is the go to person on training. She is here to give an orientation on roles of the Planning Commission and on making findings.

Ms. Carvalho described her role as a City Attorney is to advise the City Manager and the Assistant City Attorney advises the Planning Commission.

Ms. Carvalho gave background on Planning Commission bodies being established by the Legislature and the City Council then making appointment onto the Commission. The terms of the Commission are controlled by the Council, at-will, important positions because it is an adjudicative body.

Ms. Carvalho proceeded to do a power-point presentation on findings, general plan and zoning.

2. City Council Meeting of August 4, 2008

Mr. McNamara, made the report to the Planning Commission.

- Target project was approved by a 5-0 vote.
- Susana Gomez appeal application scheduled for the August 4, 2008, City Council meeting, was moved to the next City Council meeting, upon her request, to September 2, 2008, meeting.
- Resolution on the MTA board pertaining to the ½ cent tax for the ballot in November was approved by a 3-2 vote.
- Rancho Park at Rosedale dedication was accepted by a 5-0 approval vote.
- Block 36 concept by the developer was denied by a 5-0 vote.
 - Developer unable to secure financing.
 - Developer did not apply for tax credits.
 - Developer unlikely to comply with third milestone.
 - On D.D.A. there was no compensation to the developer if they missed any milestone and they had did missed, was the answer to Chairman Dierking's question by Mr. Christiansen.
 - City spent 4.6 million dollars on infrastructure to Commissioner's Alva's question by Mr. Christiansen.
 - At point of construction on the Block 36 which was quit claimed to Bank of America would it return to the City? asked Chairman Dierking, to which Mr. Christiansen would return to him with an answer after research.

Discussion Items From the Planning Commission

Mr. McNamara responded to Commissioner's Rentschler request for an update on infrastructure in response to the recent earthquake. He reported Public Works Director was currently putting a report together.

Mr. Christiansen reported that the monthly activity report for the Planning Commission was currently being drafted. He reported money for training had been budgeted to send the Commission to Anaheim, where he would be on the planning committee for the APA Conference.

Commissioner Rentschler thanked staff for the educational workshop and believes it was very useful and helpful.

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Adjournment

Commissioner Dodson moved to adjourn the meeting and Chairman Dierking second the move to adjourn. All voted in favor to adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Upcoming Meeting

August 27, 2008 cancelled.

September 10, 2008 regular.