

MINUTES – REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

July 28, 2009

Call to Order

The Regular Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Artesia was called to order on July 28, 2009, at the City of Artesia Council Chambers at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Medina.

Invocation

Vice Chairperson Young led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Canales led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Canales
Commissioner Diaz
Vice Chairperson Young
Chairman Medina

Absent: Commissioner Sousa

Also Present: Associate Planner Okina Dor
Assistant Planner Jose Hernandez
Deputy City Attorney Melissa M. Crosthwaite
Planning Clerk Erika Castañeda

Approval of the Planning Commission Agenda

Motion by Vice Chairperson Young second by Commissioner Diaz to approve the Planning Commission Agenda. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Agenda.

Announcement of Speaker Cards

Chairman Medina announced that for recording purposes, if anyone wishes to make a statement regarding any item on the agenda, to complete a speaker slip and deposit it with the planning clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please note that there is a five-minute time limit per speaker imposed. Please stay within this time limit.

**MOTION by Commissioner Diaz, second by
Commissioner Canales to APPROVE CASE
NO. 2009-23/RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 23P**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Canales, Diaz, Young and Medina
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Sousa
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

Report Item

None

Discussion Items from Staff

2. Fencing and Hedges

Staff is seeking policy direction from the Planning Commission in regards to the height restrictions for fences and hedges for residential properties in the City of Artesia.

Discussion was held among staff and Commissioners.

All Commissioners agreed to keep what is written in the Artesia Municipal Code book pertaining to height restrictions for fences and hedges.

3. Air Conditioner Units

Staff is seeking policy direction from the Planning Commission in regards to roofs, windows, and wall mounted air conditioning units for residential, commercial, and industrial properties in the City of Artesia.

Discussion was held among staff and Commissioners.

All Commissioners agreed on having staff bring back with a draft Ordinance indicating that all roof top air conditioning units must be screened from the public view and all wall mounted units must have a permit. The draft Ordinance will be brought back in the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for August 25, 2009.

Items from Staff

None

Additional Citizens' Comments:

None

Items from the Commission

Commissioner Canales inquired on abandon railroad tracks and inquired on having those tracks turned into a bike/walk way. Mr. Dor stated that the City of Artesia has been working with the MTA on these railroads to beautify this area.

Commissioner Diaz inquired on the reorganization for the Planning Commissioners.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:40 p.m. to the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Artesia Council Chambers.

Attest

I, Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of July 28, 2009 were approved at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on the 25th of August, 2009 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Canales, Diaz, and Young
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Sousa, Medina
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk