

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
November 9, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present:      Chair Shannon Murphy  
                 Vice-Chair Jane Fallon  
                 Commissioner Devon Austin  
                 Commissioner Tom Benson  
                 Commissioner Rose Richárd

Absent:      None

Staff present:

- 1)      Planning Manager Scott Charney
- 2)      Associate Planner James Kao
- 3)      Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl
- 4)      Engineering Technician II Anthony Caraveo

There were 11 person(s) in attendance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of the Planning Commission, Chair Murphy presented the November 2010 Planning Commission Beautification Award to Ben Shearer, Director of Construction, for the new Fresh & Easy located at 2475 Cherry Avenue. Also present were Mark Bixby, Pacific Retail Partners and Clay Toombs, Evergreen Development Company.

On behalf of the City Council, Vice-Mayor Larry Forester also congratulated and welcomed Fresh & Easy Market to the City of Signal Hill.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **1. COMMISSION ADOPTS RESOLUTION FINDING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ORIZABA AVENUE BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (PCH) AND 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN**

Planning Manager Scott Charney read the form of notice.

Planning Manager Scott Charney presented the staff report.

Chair Murphy invited anyone wishing to speak on the matter to come forward.

There being none, it was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Austin to waive further reading and adopt the following Resolution No. 681-11-10, entitled:

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF A SEGMENT OF ORIZABA AVENUE BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET ADJACENT TO TRACT 60693 CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR MURPHY; VICE-CHAIR FALLON;  
COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, BENSON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

### **2. COMMISSION DIRECTS STAFF TO DRAFT A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT NEW OUTDOOR STORAGE YARDS AND TO REVISE REGULATIONS FOR EXISTING OUTDOOR STORAGE YARDS**

Planning Manager Scott Charney read the form of notice.

Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl presented the staff report.

Chair Murphy invited anyone to speak on the matter to come forward.

The following individuals came forward to speak in favor and to address the Commission on site specific questions.

- 1) Jeanne Harmon, 2759 St. Louis Avenue
- 2) Robert Weiner, 1770 Creston Avenue
- 3) Kurt Nicolai, 2855 Walnut Avenue

There being no further testimony, Chair Murphy brought discussion back to the Commission.

Commissioner Benson asked that the new ordinance clarify storage on top of parked vehicles.

There being no further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to direct staff to draft a zoning ordinance amendment to prohibit new outdoor storage yards and to revise regulations for existing outdoor storage yards for public hearing on December 14, 2010.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR MURPHY; VICE-CHAIR FALLON;  
COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, BENSON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

Planning Manager Scott Charney stated the following were listed on the Consent Calendar for approval.

**3. Planning Wows**

Recommendation: Receive and file.

**4. Minutes**

Recommendation: Receive and file.

**5. Code Enforcement Report**

Recommendation: Receive and file.

**6. Development Status Report**

Recommendation: Receive and file.

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to receive and file the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR MURPHY; VICE-CHAIR FALLON,  
COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, BENSON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

## **COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Commission new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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SHANNON MURPHY  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

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GARY JONES  
COMMISSION SECRETARY