

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
December 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Richárd called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Commissioner Carmen Brooks
 Commissioner Jane Fallon
 Commissioner Chris Wilson
 Vice Chair Victor Parker
 Chair Rose Richárd

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Senior Planner Colleen Doan
- 3) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 4) Assistant City Attorney Elena Gerli

In addition, there were 4 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Richárd led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 17-03

Community Development Director Scott Charney read the form of notice and Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

There was no public testimony. Chair Richárd closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to waive further reading and adopt the following resolution:

Assistant City Attorney Elena Gerli read the title of the resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 17-03, CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR IN TITLE 20, SECTION 20.20.020 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHART OF PERMITTED USES ALLOWING EMERGENCY SHELTERS IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) RATHER THAN THE COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL (CR) ZONING DISTRICT CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS ORDINANCE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR RICHÁRD; VICE CHAIR PARKER, COMMISSIONERS BROOKS, FALLON AND WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried 5/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Conformity Report: Revisions to Mother's Market and Kitchen

Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Commissioner Brooks asked how many people the revised outdoor area would accommodate. She also expressed that she wished that the mural had depicted Signal Hill instead of a generic scene. Staff confirmed that the outdoor seating area is intended to accommodate roughly 30 people.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the total parking count had been reduced. Staff noted that the required number of spaces had been reduced, but the actual number of spaces remained the same, and included all required ADA stalls.

Chair Richárd asked what would be required of the applicant if they wanted to expand the outdoor dining area to the original size, as outlined in the initial plan submittal.

Staff confirmed that the applicant would simply need to apply for a permit to construct an additional bathroom for the increased seating area as required by the CA Building Code.

The revision for an expanded outdoor seating area would not be required to go back to the Planning Commission for further review under the current scenario.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

b. 2018 Homeless Count Event

Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani gave the staff report.

Commissioner Brooks, Vice Chair Parker, and Chair Richárd expressed their availability to be “on-call” for the event.

Commissioner Brooks asked clarifying questions regarding the training and process for the event.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about funding options for homeless assistance.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

c. New Housing Related Legislation

Community Development Director Scott Charney gave the staff report.

Commissioner Wilson commented that there is bonding measure slated to be on the CA ballot for next year. He also asked if there was any other additional funding for affordable housing projects.

Commissioner Brooks affirmed her sentiment that housing in California is becoming more and more unaffordable. She also expressed that staff should incorporate homelessness awareness into more of the community events.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Vice Chair Parker to receive and file Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

The Commission wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Furthermore, they expressed their gratitude and pleasure with City staff for all of their work during the past year.

Chair Richárd reported a homeless encampment on Cherry Avenue near the 405 Freeway.

Staff confirmed that the encampment is within the City of Long Beach jurisdiction and that the Signal Hill Police Department is aware of the issue.

Chair Richárd inquired about computer access at the future library.

Staff will relay the concern to the Community Services Director.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The motion carried 5/0.

Chair Richárd adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Attest:

Scott Charney
Commission Secretary