

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
February 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

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

Absent: Chair Victor Parker

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Planning Manager Colleen Doan
- 3) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 4) Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldana
- 5) Assistant City Attorney Danny Aleshire

In addition, there were 8 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Wilson led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

- a. Preliminary Review of a Proposal to Demolish Two Existing Single-Family Dwellings and Construct 16 New Detached Single-Family Dwellings at 1365 and 1387 E. 23rd Street

Community Development Director Scott Charney read the form of notice and Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani gave the staff report.

The applicant, Matt Hamilton, introduced himself and discussed the concept behind the proposed project.

Commissioner Richárd asked for clarification on the anticipated number of street parking spaces.

Vice Chair Wilson asked about integration of EV charging stations.

Ed Parleman, resident, noted his concerns pertaining to density, space between buildings, increased traffic, greater parking demand, and integration of rooftop solar PV systems. He specifically expressed that 10 guest parking spaces was not enough, and suggested the project's density should be similar to that of the completed Crescent Square single-family development.

Chris Compton, resident, echoed the previous speaker's concerns regarding increased traffic and expressed his doubt regarding the proposed management concept to regulate proper use of guest parking.

The applicant responded to the concerns raised by the public.

The Commission inquired about the parking management concept, to ensure that residents would utilize the garages for their intended purpose and not for storage. Specifically, they brainstormed potential design features for the garages, additional signage on guest parking stalls, and other restrictive measures to regulate parking for the residents.

Vice Chair Wilson closed the public workshop and called for a voice vote instructing the applicant to:

1. Work with staff to improve the degree of the architectural diversity between the dwellings throughout the development through greater variation in colors and architectural details;
2. Enhance the paving treatments for the private driveway; and
3. Look into additional ways to strengthen the parking management concept for guest parking.

It was moved by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to direct staff to accomplish the items above and proceed to a public hearing.

The motion carried 4/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Homeless Count Update

Planning Manager Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Commissioner Brooks inquired about the sign-up process through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) website.

Commissioner Richárd commented that the reported figures for 2019 were higher compared to previous years.

Commissioner Brooks asked if the City had a specific liaison for the homeless population in the City.

Staff confirmed that all of the police officers are specifically trained to engage with homeless individual(s) and identified Don Moreau, Senior Police Officer, as the homeless liaison for the Signal Hill Police Department.

Vice Chair Wilson requested that staff follow-up with the final LAHSA data when it is published, and share the City's efforts to assist the homeless, at a future meeting.

b. Planning Commissioner Academy

Planning Manager Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Staff confirmed that registration is currently closed, but would place individuals on the wait list upon request, and continue to notify the Commission of future conferences.

No requests were received.

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The motion carried 4/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

There was no Commission new business.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The motion carried 4/0.

Vice Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Chair Victor Parker

Attest:

Scott Charney
Commission Secretary