

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION**
July 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Commissioner Armando Lopez
 Commissioner Victor Parker
 Commissioner Chris Wilson
 Vice Chair Perica Bell
 Chair Rose Richárd

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Colleen T. Doan
- 2) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 3) Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldaña
- 4) Assistant City Attorney Danny Aleshire

In addition, there were two 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Temporary Outdoor Dining

Community Development Director Doan gave the staff report.

Vice Chair Bell inquired about the proposed indemnification clause which would absolve City liability in case of property damage and/or bodily harm or injury.

Assistant City Attorney Aleshire briefly identified general liability items that would be considered in that discussion.

Commissioner Parker asked if there was a plan in place for staff to relay this information to local businesses in the City.

Staff confirmed that they would establish a plan for outreach to local business owners.

The Commission further inquired about general logistics for waiting areas, restrooms, etc.

Chair Richárd then opened the floor for public comments.

Gene Wu, attorney representing the ownership group of Town Center West, introduced himself and commented on the proposed indemnification of City liability as well as some ADA accessibility items.

There being no additional comments from the public, Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5/0.

b. City Placemaking/Branding

Assistant Planner Agbayani gave the staff report.

Vice Chair Bell emphasized that many businesses throughout the City are stressed financially due to recent closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. She further commented that the City should not create undue burdens to developers and business operators in a manner that would exacerbate their already stretched resources.

Chair Richárd asked a clarifying question to confirm whether the placemaking item would be for new projects moving forward and not applied retroactively to older projects.

Staff confirmed that this would be for new projects, and would not be applied retroactively to old projects.

Commissioner Wilson emphasized his sentiment that residents and business owners should be proud of being in Signal Hill. He also expressed his disappointment regarding the EchoPark Automotive sign program and their incorporation of the words "Signal Hill" on the small 6' tall monument signs.

The Commission directed staff to incorporate a new section in future staff reports called "placemaking" and also encouraged a more proactive role in considering such items in future projects under Site Plan and Design Review.

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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to receive and file Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Vice Chair Bell to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via video- and teleconference.

The motion carried 5/0.

Chair Richárd adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Chair Rose Richárd

Attest:

Colleen T. Doan
Commission Secretary