



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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**THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL WELCOMES YOU
TO A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
December 13, 2011**

7:00 p.m.

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Planning Commission with valuable information regarding issues of the community.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall and is available at each meeting. The agenda and related reports are at the Library on the Friday afternoon prior to the Commission meeting. During the meeting, the Community Development Director presents agenda items for Commission consideration. The public may speak on an agenda item once the item is opened for discussion by the Chair. We encourage you to complete a speaker card prior to the item being considered, and give the card to a City staff member in order to be recognized and correctly identified in the minutes. The cards are provided at the rear of the Council Chambers. Please state your name and direct your comments or questions to the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair will lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Planning Commission will present the 4th Quarter 2011 Beautification Award to Scott and Kim Burrow for residential property improvements at 2828 Sunset View.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Matters of general concern, which are not on the agenda, can be addressed during this portion of the meeting, and also before adjournment. However, State law (Government Code Section 54959 *et seq.*) prohibits the Planning Commission from acting upon any item not contained in the agenda.

1. CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOP — ANIMAL BOARDING (KENNEL)

Summary: The Planning Commission will continue discussion on a zoning ordinance amendment related to animal boarding (kennel). Animal boarding is currently permitted as a conditional use in the GI, General Industrial, zoning district and as an accessory use in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, zoning district. The Commission will hear public testimony and consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance to expand such use to other commercial and industrial zoning districts.

Recommendation: Receive public comment and provide direction as deemed appropriate to initiate a zoning ordinance amendment.

2. WORKSHOP – OPEN MEETING LAW

Summary: on December 6, 2011, the City Council conducted a workshop on the Ralph M. Brown Act or California's Open Meeting Law (Attachment A). The workshop was an opportunity for the Council to review current public meeting practices and discuss whether current practices should be modified. It also an occasion to educate the public on the law and City practices. The City Attorney will brief the Planning Commission on the items covered and outline the main features of a draft procedural manual intended to be used by the Council and Commissions to ensure that meetings are conducted in a standardized manner (Attachment B).

Recommendation: After receiving public testimony, direct staff to advise the Council of any input prior to its consideration of a resolution implementing the various provisions of the Brown Act.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Minutes

Recommendation: Receive and file.

4. Development Status Report

Recommendation: Receive and file.

5. Code Enforcement Report

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson
Commissioner Murphy
Commissioner Richárd
Vice-Chair Austin
Chair Fallon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting to be held Tuesday January 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in Commission meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.