

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Benson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present:      Chair Tom Benson  
                  Commissioner Devon Austin  
                  Commissioner Jane Fallon  
                  Commissioner Rose Richárd

Absent:        Vice-Chair Murphy (excused)

Staff present:

- 1)      Planning Director Gary Jones
- 2)      Planning Manager Scott Charney
- 3)      City Attorney Jeff Malawy, Esq.
- 4)      Associate Planner James Kao
- 5)      Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl
- 6)      Engineer Technician II Anthony Caraveo

There were 0 people in attendance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

## **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

### **1. COMMISSION DIRECTS STAFF TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING IN APRIL FOR THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT UPDATE**

Commission Secretary Gary Jones read the form of notice.

Associate Planner James Kao presented the staff report.

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

There being none, Chair Benson brought discussion back to the Commission.

Chair Benson stated his concern on the future distribution of utilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to direct staff to schedule a public hearing for the Circulation Element Update for the April meeting.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR BENSON, COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE-CHAIR MURPHY

ABSTAIN: NONE

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **2. COMMISSION ADOPTS A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION 2/26/10(1) RELATIVE TO THE 2010 UPDATE OF THE NOISE ELEMENT; AND ADOPTS A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE 2010 UPDATE OF THE NOISE ELEMENT**

Commission Secretary Gary Jones read the form of notice.

Planning Manager Scott Charney presented the staff report.

Chair Benson opened the public hearing and invited anyone wishing to speak on the matter to come forward.

There being none, Chair Benson closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 654-03-10, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY  
COUNCIL ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION 2/26/10(1),  
RELATIVE TO THE 2010 UPDATE OF THE NOISE ELEMENT OF  
THE SIGNAL HILL GENERAL PLAN**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR BENSON, COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE-CHAIR MURPHY

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 655-03-10, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY  
COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE 2010 UPDATE OF THE  
GENERAL PLAN NOISE ELEMENT**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR BENSON, COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE-CHAIR MURPHY

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **3. COMMISSION RECOMMENDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL AND SUBMITTAL OF GENERAL PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT TO THE STATE**

Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl presented the staff report.

Chair Benson invited anyone wishing to speak on the matter to come forward. There being none, he brought discussion back to the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to recommend City Council approval and submittal of the General Plan and Progress Report to the State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research and to receive and file this report.

The motion carried.

## **COMMISSION APPROVES CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Commission Secretary Gary Jones stated the following were listed on the Consent Calendar for approval.

### **4. Code Enforcement Report**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

### **5. Development Status Report**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

### **6. Planning Wows**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

### **7. Minutes**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

### **8. Commission Follow-up**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to approve the Consent Calendar Item.

The motion carried.

### **COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Benson expressed concern about recent erosion after rain storms and reported the decomposed granite path below the Unity Monument leading to Discovery Well Park as having washed out in parts.

*Staff indicated that they would investigate and report back at the next meeting.*

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Austin to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The motion carried.

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

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TOM BENSON  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

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GARY JONES  
COMMISSION SECRETARY