

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
October 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

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

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Associate Planner Selena Kelaher
- 3) Assistant City Attorney Gina Chung
- 4) Senior Engineering Technician Anthony Caraveo

In addition, there were 4 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Austin 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. General Plan Safety Element Update and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Community Development Director Scott Charney read the form of notice and Associate Planner Selena Kelaher gave the staff report.

Commissioner Richárd asked about disaster relieve funds. Staff responded the City will be eligible for state and federal funds/grants, if available, on mitigation action items listed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) once it is adopted by the City Council. Staff also noted that the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) is more

of a planning document for emergency response and that the City is prepared and has adequate resources to handle potential disasters.

Vice Chair Murphy asked for clarification on state mandates. Staff responded that a new chapter, Climate and Adaptation Strategies, has to be included in the Safety Element if the HMP is not approved before January, 2017. In order to ensure sufficient time and resources to prepare the appropriate documents for the new chapter, staff decided to wait until the next General Plan Update.

Vice Chair Murphy asked if there are mutual aid agreements with the schools. Staff responded that mutual aids are available from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Long Beach Police Department in case of emergency; agreements with school are coordinated through the Police Department EOP.

Commissioner Benson asked for confirmation that the City has not had hazards caused by well abandonment in the past. Staff confirmed that it is true.

Commissioner Benson asked about the Library address in the HMP. Staff responded they will verify that the Safety Element reflects the Library is currently under construction.

Chair Austin opened the public hearing.

There being no public testimony, Chair Austin closed the public hearing.

Staff noted that the General Plan Amendment resolution was amended to include findings of the proposed amendment.

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

Assistant City Attorney Gina Chung read the title of Resolution No. 795-10-16:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION 10/07/16(1) RELATIVE TO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 16-02 ADOPTING THE 2016 SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

Assistant City Attorney Gina Chung read the title of Resolution No. 796-10-16 (as amended by the City Attorney's Office):

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 16-02 ADOPTING THE 2016 SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE AND INCORPORATING THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS AN APPENDIX

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR AUSTIN; VICE CHAIR MURPHY; COMMISSIONERS
BENSON, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried 5/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Request for an Alternate Front Lot Line

Community Development Director Scott Charney gave the staff report.

The property owner, Rodger Williams, thanked the Planning Commission for considering his request and stated that by making E. 25th Street the front lot line, it will not only meet the required setbacks, but also allow the property owner to maximize the use of his property.

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

Assistant City Attorney Gina Chung read the title of Resolution No. 797-10-16:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, SELECTING E. 25TH STREET AS THE
ALTERNATE FRONT LOT LINE FOR 1147 E. 25TH STREET

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR AUSTIN; VICE CHAIR MURPHY; COMMISSIONERS
BENSON, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Vice Chair Murphy to receive and file Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a to 7d.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson announced that Friends of the Signal Hill Library will be holding a “Bingo Night” event at Signal Hill Petroleum on Friday, October 21, 2016.

Chair Austin inquired about the road construction on E. 21st Street between Dawson Avenue and Junipero Avenue. Senior Engineering Technician Anthony Caraveo provided a status update on the work that Charter Communications is conducting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Commissioner Benson to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 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 Austin adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Devon Austin
Chair

Attest:

Scott Charney
Commission Secretary