

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
March 20, 2018
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 Carmen Brooks (excused absence)
 Commissioner Jane Fallon
 Commissioner Chris Wilson
 Vice Chair Victor Parker
 Chair Rose Richárd

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Senior Planner Colleen Doan
- 3) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 4) Assistant City Attorney Gina Chung

In addition, there were 3 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. Follow-Up to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

A member of the public asked how often and when the count was conducted.

Staff explained that the Signal Hill event is a “point in time” count and that it is conducted once a year in the evening in January.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0.

b. Beautification Award Program

Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Commissioner Fallon asked if staff received the two nominations that she submitted.

Staff confirmed that they had received her two nominations for Sustainability Awards and would be presenting them at the April Sustainable City Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Parker asked if the Commission can utilize nominations from the Sustainability Award list for the Beautification Award Program.

Staff confirmed that some properties merit both awards. However, the intent of the Beautification Award Program is to showcase commercial and residential improvement projects, which could be as simple as new paint or stucco, a new roof, or other exterior upgrades.

Chair Richárd emphasized that the Commission should be proactive in looking for and nominating properties for the Beautification Award program.

Commissioner Fallon suggested that the solicitation be presented as an announcement to the public during City Council meetings.

Staff agreed to submit an announcement for a future City Council meeting, and noted that the City's Communications Specialist will include a solicitation flyer in the City Views Newsletter.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0.

c. New Housing Related Legislation: Senate Bill 35 – Streamlined Housing Approval Process

Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani gave the staff report.

Vice Chair Parker asked if the City will implement objective design standards in anticipation of the SB 35 streamlining process.

Staff confirmed that we will discuss potential objective design standards with the Commission at a later time.

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Richárd called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilson emphasized safety in anticipation of the upcoming rain. He announced that the City offers free sandbags for residents that can be obtained at the City Yard.

Chair Richárd attended the Dog Park Grand Opening Event on Saturday, March 17, 2018 and expressed that she thought it was a great success. Furthermore, she is looking forward to the upcoming Zinnia Grand Opening Event to be held on Friday, March 23, 2018. Lastly, she gave warning to the public regarding theft of delivery packages around the City, notably in residential areas.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Vice Chair Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The motion carried 4/0.

Chair Richárd adjourned the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

Chair Rose Richárd

Attest:

Scott Charney
Commission Secretary