

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
March 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Commissioner Carmen Brooks
 Commissioner Jane Fallon
 Commissioner Rose Richárd
 Vice Chair Chris Wilson
 Chair Victor Parker

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Planning Manager Colleen Doan
- 3) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 4) Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldana
- 5) Assistant City Attorney Danny Aleshire

In addition, there were 3 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Parker 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. Parcel Map Waiver

Community Development Director Charney read the form of notice and Assistant Planner Agbayani gave the staff report.

The applicant, Thomas D. Shollin of Signal Hill Petroleum, introduced himself and yielded his time to questions.

Commissioner Brooks asked why the oil operation drill site was not isolated as a separate parcel in the original subdivision of the Gateway Center.

Mr. Shollin admitted that the drill site should have been subdivided as a separate parcel during the original subdivision, and reiterated that it is common for drill sites to be subdivided as separate parcels in development.

There being no further public testimony, Chair Parker closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Vice Chair Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to waive further reading and adopt the following resolution:

Assistant City Attorney Aleshire read the title of Resolution No. 819-03-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARCEL MAP WAIVER 19-01, FOR A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE ONE OF SIX PARCELS INTO TWO SEPARATE PARCELS TO ISOLATE AN EXISTING OIL OPERATION DRILL SITE, RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF SEVEN PARCELS AT THE GATEWAY CENTER LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-6) ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR PARKER; VICE CHAIR WILSON; COMMISSIONERS BROOKS, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried 5/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. HOUSING ELEMENT COMPLIANCE STUDY

Planning Manager Doan gave the staff report.

Chair Parker congratulated staff on receiving an "A" letter grade in the report.

Vice Chair Wilson inquired about the incentive for cities to meet their Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA).

Staff briefly touched upon the State legislation related to the RHNA and discussed how it relates to future RHNA numbers.

Commissioner Richárd asked if the State takes into account that Signal Hill is a relatively small city in comparison to other jurisdictions in the region.

Staff confirmed that they have met with representatives with the Southern California Association of Governments to provide feedback of the City, and specifically outlined the various “constraints” to development in Signal Hill (e.g. oil wells, earthquake faults, etc.). Staff can provide input, but does not have control over the allocation numbers for both the current and future housing cycles. Staff will continue to monitor housing legislation and keep the Commission informed.

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

The motion carried 5/0.

b. BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PROGRAM 2019

Planning Manager Doan gave the staff report.

Chair Parker encouraged the Commission to submit nominations to staff for future award recipients. He also asked a clarifying question regarding the process of submitting nominations to staff.

Staff confirmed that upon receiving a lead from the Commission, they would conduct a site inspection to take photos.

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

The motion carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Vice Chair Wilson to receive and file Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooks expressed her gratitude for serving on the Commission for the past year.

The Commissioners collectively thanked Commissioner Brooks for serving on the Planning Commission and wished her success in her new role as City Clerk.

Commissioner Richárd expressed gratitude to Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldana and the Public Works Department for the striping on E. Hill Street by Richard D. Browning

High School. She also identified that the vacant lot on E. 19th Street and Temple Avenue requires maintenance of the weeds.

Vice Chair Wilson thanked staff for fixing the pothole on Orange Avenue.

Chair Parker acknowledged the City for facilitating two community events: 1.) CalBrisas Park Playground Ribbon Cutting ceremony and 2.) Black History Month Celebration at the Library. He was in attendance for both events and expressed his enjoyment.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fallon and seconded by Vice Chair Wilson to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 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 Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Chair Victor Parker

Attest:

Scott Charney
Commission Secretary