

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**May 10, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Murphy led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

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

Absent:        None

Staff present:

- 1)      Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2)      Assistant City Attorney Jeff Malawy
- 3)      Associate Planner James Kao
- 4)      Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl
- 5)      Engineering Technician II Anthony Caraveo

There were 3 person(s) in attendance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR STEVE MYRTER PRESENTED A BRIEF OVERVIEW  
OF THE DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. COMMISSION ADOPTS RESOLUTION APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING LOCATED AT 2799 E. 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Malawy stated that due to Commissioner Tom Benson residing in close proximity to the proposed residence that he recuse himself from this matter.

Commissioner Tom Benson stepped down from the dais to participate as a private citizen.

Commission Secretary Scott Charney read the form of notice.

Associate Planner James Kao presented the staff report.

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

The following individual(s) came forward:

1. Bozena Jaworski, RPP Architects, applicant on behalf of property owner, spoke in favor and responded to questions and concerns from the Commission.
2. Tom Benson, resident, asked staff to consider traffic control measures to address traffic speeds and pedestrian safety at the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Temple Avenue.

Staff indicated that this matter would be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for further study.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Austin to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 693-05-11, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF THE OUTER 5 FEET OF AN APPROXIMATELY 165-FOOT SEGMENT OF 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF**

**LOT 19 OF 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND TEMPLE AVENUE CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR MURPHY; VICE-CHAIR FALLON;  
COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER BENSON

The motion carried.

There being no public testimony, it was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Austin to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 694-05-11, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 11-01, A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A 3,697 SQUARE FOOT TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT ON AN 8,206 SQUARE FOOT VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 2799 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET IN THE SP-2, HILLTOP AREA SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR MURPHY; VICE-CHAIR FALLON;  
COMMISSIONERS AUSTIN AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER BENSON

The motion carried.

Tom Benson takes his seat as a member of the Commission.

**2. COMMISSION ADOPTS A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03 TO ALLOW RENTAL OF NEW VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES IN THE SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN**

Commission Secretary Scott Charney read the form of notice.

Assistant Planner Reina Schaetzl presented the staff report.

Commissioner Benson inquired about the location of the fleet parking.

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

The following individual(s) came forward:

1. Bob McDonald, 213 Opal Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92662, applicant on behalf of Hertz, spoke in favor and responded to Commissioner Benson's inquiry.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 695-05-11, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION 04/29/11(1), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "RENTAL CAR FACILITY" AS A PERMITTED USE**

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Richárd to waive reading and adopt Resolution No. 696-05-11, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 11-03, A REQUEST TO AMEND SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 20.49, ENTITLED "SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN," TO INCLUDE "RENTAL CAR FACILITY" AS A PERMITTED USE**

The following vote resulted:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**3. COMMISSION SELECTS RECIPIENT OF 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**

Assistant Planner Reina Schaeztl presented the staff report.

It was moved and seconded to select 3350 Gundry Avenue as the recipient of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Beautification Award and direct staff to proceed with award presentation for the next regular meeting.

The motion carried.

**COMMISSION APPROVES CONSENT CALENDAR**

Community Development Director Scott Charney stated the following were listed on the Consent Calendar for approval.

**4. Planning Wows**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**5. Minutes**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**6. Development Status Report**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**7. Code Enforcement Report**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Vice-Chair Fallon to receive and file the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

**COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Benson inquired if it was possible to mandate time limits for completion of construction projects.

Staff responded that the item will be studied and brought back to the Commission for review later this year.

Vice-chair Fallon indicated that she will be absent at the June meeting.

Chair Murphy indicated that she will be absent at the July meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Benson to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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SHANNON MURPHY  
CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SCOTT CHARNEY  
COMMISSION SECRETARY