

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

October 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Charoen called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, in the Council Chamber of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Waldman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jose Padilla, Jr., United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

Commission Members present: Chairperson Charoen, Vice Chairperson Barnes, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member Waldman

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
John Di Mario, Community Development Director
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services Director
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the September 16, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Barnes, Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Amendment to Precise Plan 250, A Request to Install a Healy EVR Phase II Vac-Assist System at an Existing ARCO Gas Station Located at 5472 Orangethorpe Avenue

- a) Mayor Charoen opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Scott Hutter gave the Staff Report.
- c) Public Input

Discussion ensued regarding the impact to the Sunrise Senior Center; the height of the pipes along the roofline; new laws requiring all gas stations to have Vac-Assist systems in 2009; the schedule and duration of the construction project; input from the nearby businesses; existing trees being protected; and the mechanical maintenance of the equipment.

Rob Adams, 19 Technology Drive, Irvine, addressed the City Council regarding accepting all of the conditions of approval.

- d) Mayor Charoen closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions
- f) Adopt a Resolution approving Amendment to Precise Plan 250 for the proposed Healy EVR Phase II Vac-Assist system at 5472 Orangethorpe Avenue.

Resolution No. 2008-10 P.C. approving Amendment to Precise Plan 250 for the proposed Healy EVR Phase II Vac-Assist system at 5472 Orangethorpe Avenue.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-10 PC approving Amendment to Precise Plan 250 for the proposed Healy EVR Phase II Vac-Assist system at 5472 Orangethorpe Avenue.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Barnes, Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

PL-3. Use of Artificial Turf in the Single Family Residential District

- a) Mayor Charoen opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Di Mario gave the Staff Report.
- c) Public Input

Gerard Goedhart, 4727 Canehill, Lakewood, addressed the City Council regarding his future relocation to La Palma and his support of the proposed ordinance.

Kevin Dodge, 5792 Calaveras Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the proposed ordinance.

Abe Waheed, 5271 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding using desert tolerant landscaping as an alternative to the ordinance.

- d) Mayor Charoen closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the pollution involved with using live grass; the fact that 12 to 20 residents currently have artificial turf; suggested California drought tolerant landscaping; standardizing types of artificial turf; potential health hazards; installation expense; and the city's high water table.

- f) City Council directed Staff to further research and investigate

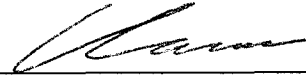
amending the City's Code to allow artificial turf in residential areas
and return to the Planning Commission with recommendations.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

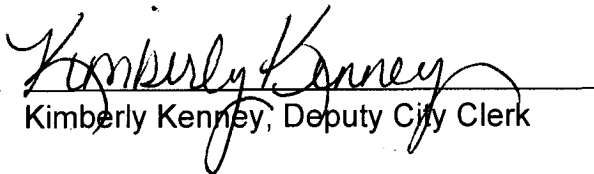
ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Charoen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Planning
Commission at 7:52 p.m.



G. Henry Charoen, Mayor

Attest:



Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk