

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Mai

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – Mr. Tony Flores asked if Commissioner Mai had resigned from the Commission and if not, cited several reasons why Mai would be ineligible to continue as a Commissioner in the City of Garden Grove. He also questioned the status of planning cases which included Mai's vote. Chair O'Neill responded that the issue would be resolved at the next City Council meeting.

December 3, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora
Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Mai

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-058-2016. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9741 CHAPMAN AVENUE, THEATER BUILDING WITHIN PROMENADE SHOPPING MALL, NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BROOKHURST STREET AND CHAPMAN AVENUE.

Applicant: Regal Cinemas, Inc.
Date: January 28, 2016

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing theater, Regal Cinemas, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the NMU

(Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Steve Rawlings, Josh McIntosh, Mike Barker, Tony Flores

Action: Resolution No. 5854-16 was approved with an amendment.

Motion: Zamora Second: Margolin

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora asked for an update on the street painting near Costco. Staff responded that the City's new Traffic Engineer, Dai Vu, would follow up with her. Zamora then mentioned that the City's online project update list was dated from 2004-2015 with no status of projects indicated. She would like a list of current and future projects, along with updates on larger projects, similar to information found on Huntington Beach's website.

Commissioner Margolin asked for an update on the Chinese Buffet near the Costco property. Staff explained that the property owner was exploring other uses for the site.

Commissioner Paredes expressed that he was happy with the increase in Police and Fire personnel, but was concerned with the low number of Code Enforcement officers. At a future Planning Commission meeting, he would like to see a presentation on the City Budget. He then asked if the City's website could promote events like the Strawberry Stomp 5K to get more runners and sponsors. Finally, he asked for updates from OCTA regarding the Rail Line/Harbor Corridor from Garden Grove to Santa Ana. Staff responded that he would be added to the stakeholder's list.

Commissioner Kanzler asked if Main Street could have the lower decorative street lights all the way down Main Street to make the street more cohesive and appear longer. He would like the cost for such a project and believed there were supporters from West Garden Grove.

Chair O'Neill commented that at a future Planning Commission Meeting, he would like input from the general public on how the Commissioners and/or City could do a better job regarding small tax advantages and what is needed for a better environment, and asked if the information or event could be put on the City's website or social media. Staff responded that the matter would be looked into and added that the Economic Development staff could also be invited.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff announced that the February 4th and 18th Planning Commission meetings would be cancelled, and that the March 3rd meeting would be a Study Session on Historic Preservation. Staff then announced that City Council had appointed Michael Barker to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:24 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Motion: Zamora Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary