

CITY OF MORRO BAY
PLANNING COMMISSION
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

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Veteran's Memorial Building
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay
Monday, April 7, 2008

Chairperson Nancy Johnson
Vice-Chairperson Bill Woodson Commissioner Michael Lucas
Commissioner Gerald Luhr Commissioner Gary Ream
Michael Prater, Secretary

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lucas led the pledge.

III. ROLL CALL

Johnson asked that the record show all Commissioners were present.
Staff Present: Michael Prater, Rachel Grossman, and Kimberly Peebles

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ream, Woodson 2nd to accept the agenda as presented. Vote: 5-0

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wolly McCray spoke about the potential of shortening the City's Master Tree List and his experience with trees.

Robert Davis spoke regarding the Circulation Element and the Pedestrian Pathway Plans.

Rachel Grossman announced the Healthy Gardening Workshops.

Gary Ream announced the 5th Annual Celebrate Morro Bay Parade and 2nd Annual Kite Festival.

Nancy Johnson announced the 22nd Annual Garden Festival and the Master Gardens Symposium.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes from hearing held on March 17, 2008

MOTION: Ream, Luhr 2nd to accept the minutes as presented. VOTE: 5 - 0.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Current Planning Processing List

Projects submitted for Administrative Approval (not single-family residential unless in MCR) – None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Review MBMC 12.08.040 – Master Tree List

Woodson highlighted his motivation behind reviewing and revising the City’s Master Tree List and said he would write a letter to the City Council asking them to consider revising the Master Tree List and to team up with Morro Bay Beautiful for planting trees in the City. Prater noted that the Public Works Advisory Board is already looking at the Urban Forest Master Plan and after their review of that Plan, it will come back before the Commission for review. The consensus of the Commission was to have Woodson write a letter on behalf of the Commission and bring it back for review.

A. Pedestrian pathway and circulation plan

Woodson highlighted his motivation behind reviewing the concept of a Pedestrian Pathway and Circulation Plan. Prater made a presentation highlighting the approach the Staff has taken in regards to the Circulation Plan. The Commissioners agreed a Pedestrian Pathway and a Circulation Plan are necessary. Woodson agreed to write a letter to Council on behalf of the Commission and bring it back to the Commission for review.

B. Secondary unit design competition and consideration to waive development fees for secondary units.

Woodson shared some documents he prepared regarding this topic. The Commissioners agreed that this is not an important enough topic to move forward with right now.

C. More effective announcement of Planning Commission Agendas

The Commissioners announced the locations of the complete packets for review by the Public and suggested trying to more effectively use AGP Video for announcing the meetings.

D. Develop a specific list of items all projects have on the plans before going to Planning Commission.

Ream reminded the Commission that this had been discussed previously and Luhr and Woodson were going to meet together and come up with a list of items they would like to present to the Planning Department. Staff presented a copy of the Planning Application and five pages from the Sub-Division Ordinance that details what is required by an applicant. The Commission agreed that Luhr and Woodson would put together a short list and meet with Staff.

F. Cancellation of Planning Commission Meetings

Prater highlighted the background behind putting this item on the Agenda.

MOTION: Luhr, Ream 2nd to authorize Staff in conjunction with the presiding Chair whether a meeting will be cancelled.

VOTE: 5 – 0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting at the Veterans Hall, 209 Surf Street, on Monday, April 21, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Johnson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Michael Prater, Secretary