

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA**

**Tuesday
September 18, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Clarita was called to order by Chairperson Berger at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Kennedy led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Chair Berger, and Commissioners Burkhart, Kennedy, Ostrom and Trautman were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Trautman and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda. Said motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Ostrom and seconded by Commissioner Burkhart to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007. Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

**ITEM 1 MASTER CASE NO. 06-161, TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 66899, HILLSIDE
REVIEW 07-008, OAK TREE PERMIT 06-027**

The Planning Commission report and powerpoint presentation were given by Jessica Humphries, Associate Planner.

Wayne Smith, City Arborist, answered a question from Commissioner Kennedy regarding the ISA replacement value for oak trees that were to be removed. Jim Jordan, Senior Engineer in Development Services, answered a question from Commissioner Trautman regarding drainage and a special flood hazard area. Commissioner Ostrom had questions regarding the grading on the project. His questions were answered by Ms. Humphries.

The public hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m.

Dennis Daniel, the applicant, informed the Commission that he and his co-applicant were there to answer any questions that the Commission might have regarding the project.

Evelyn Serrano spoke regarding coyotes in the area.

Neutral comments were given by Mark Anderson, representing the Carpenter family. He spoke on the vistas that would be altered by the project.

Lynne Plambeck, representing SCOPE, spoke in opposition. SCOPE is opposed to the removal of the oak trees.

Mr. Daniel addressed concerns that were brought up during the public hearing.

Chair Berger asked that Wayne Smith clarify a comment made by Ms. Plambeck regarding the definition of a Heritage Oak tree. Clarification was given by Mr. Smith.

The Chair opened the hearing to questions and comments by the Commissioners.

The public hearing was closed at 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Burkhart to approve the project as recommended by staff. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Burkhart, Kennedy and Chair Berger voted in favor of the item. Commissioners Ostrom and Trautman voted no. The motion was passed by a vote of 3-2.

PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT

Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, gave the Planning Manager's report. She gave updates on the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital expansion project, the appeal of the Town Center West project and the CUP for outdoor events at Route 66 in Canyon Country.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioners Trautman and Kennedy spoke about the River Rally. They both thought it was a great event. Commissioner Trautman spoke about an affordable housing tour in Ventura County.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lynne Plambeck spoke on oak tree removals.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ostrom and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Michael Berger, Chairperson
Planning Commission

Lisa M. Hardy, AICP, Planning Manager
Community Development

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