

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

**Tuesday
September 16, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Trautman led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Chair Kennedy and Commissioners Burkhart, Jacobson, Ostrom, and Trautman were all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

Chair Kennedy asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that he abstained from voting on the nomination for Chairperson. A motion was made by Commissioner Burkhart and seconded by Commissioner Jacobson to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular meeting, with the afore mentioned amendment. Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**ITEM 1 MASTER CASE NUMBER 08-135, APPEAL OF NOTICE TO REMOVE A
NON-CONFORMING SIGN**

Darin Seegmiller, Assistant Planner II, gave the staff report and computer slide presentation. The Commission and staff discussed issues regarding the compliance process, and the potential location of a new sign.

Marcia Spigno, Robert Spigno, and Marie Spigno, the appellants, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Seegmiller rebutted.

The Commission, staff, and the appellants discussed sign location alternatives.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burkhart and seconded by Commissioner Jacobson to continue the item to the November 18, 2008 regular meeting, at which the appellant will present a sign proposal to the Planning Commission as well as provide a schedule for the removal of the existing sign. A roll call vote was taken. Said motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT

Lisa Webber, Planning Manager, gave the Planning Manager's report. Ms. Webber notified the Commission that they have been invited to attend the City Council study session scheduled for October 7, 2008. The study session will consist of two parts: the presentation of the Draft Community Character and Design Guidelines, and an overview of Senate Bill 375.

Ms. Webber reminded the Commission that the California Chapter of the American Planning Association annual state conference begins on September 21, 2008. She advised the Commission to contact her or Maggi Sanchez with any questions.

Ms. Webber advised the Commission that the study session scheduled for October 21, 2008 will be a presentation of the OVOV Draft Circulation Element.

Ms. Webber provided the Commission with an update of the Whittaker Bermite project. Ms. Webber reported that the Purchase and Sale Agreement between SunCal Companies and Cherokee has been officially terminated. RFI/Avion is currently entertaining other offers on the property. Funds for the clean up of the property have been secured, and the clean up efforts will not be affected.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Trautman asked if the Council study session on October 7, 2008 would also include the Beautification Master Plan. Commissioner Trautman thanked Chair Kennedy for inviting her to attend the VIA Luncheon on Affordable Housing. She also reported that the Arts Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, September 22, and is preparing a presentation to the City Council for the creation of an official arts committee.

Commissioner Ostrom asked if the Commission will be provided with an agenda for the Council study session on October 7, 2008.

Chair Kennedy reported that the Valley Industrial Association luncheon was exciting and that he was pleased at the turnout.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ostrom and seconded by Commissioner Burkhart to adjourn the meeting. Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

William Kennedy, Chairperson
Planning Commission

Lisa M. Webber, AICP, Planning Manager
Community Development

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