CITY OF LA PUENTE

SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

August 20, 2013

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition*, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapuente.org

A Special Meeting of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on 08/20/2013, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Costea called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners:

Members present: Costea, Young, Dudley, Escalon and Perez.

Members absent: None.

Staff Members present: Development Services Director Di Mario, Assistant Planner Espino, Assistant City Attorney Sparks and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Perez

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Perez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING:

1. **Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board meeting of June 4, 2013.**

Commissioner Perez moved and Vice Chairman Young seconded to approve the Minutes of Previous Planning Commission and Development Review Board Meeting: The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Costea, Young, Escalon, Perez, and Dudley.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

2. Zoning Code Update - Presentation and discussion of the status of and process for the comprehensive update of Title 10 (Zoning Ordinance) of the La Puente Municipal Code.

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced Ms. Stetson with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (M.I.G.), formally known as Hogle Ireland.

M.I.G. Representative, Laura Stetson presented the Commissioners with a power point presentation on the current status and process for updating the Zoning Code and future steps for its completion.

Discussion ensued with the Commissioners and Ms. Stetson on the changes from R-2 to R-3 zones and low to high density.

Ms. Stetson gave a brief history when Hogle Ireland began working on the General Plan.

Assistant City Attorney Sparks stated that the General Plan land use map had changed some properties from R-1 to R-3, that this was a requirement under state law that the City has to follow what's in the General Plan.

Ms. Stetson explained the new structure that has been done to Zoning Code to date. The development standards have not been changed for the residential zones.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the new update was user friendly, not only for staff but for the business and development community.

Chairman Costea expressed his concerns on having enough time to review information provided to the Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Sparks stated the information for the zoning code will be presented a week to ten days prior to the study sessions. The second part will be public hearing which requires a ten day notice

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that a study session may be added sometime in November 2013 and then formal consideration the first of the year 2014.

Vice Chairman Young questioned the history of employees working with Hogle Ireland, now known as MIG.

Ms. Stetson replied the authors with Hogle Ireland are the same with MIG. She has been working on this since 2002.

Discussion ensued on the land use regulations; land use element; conditional use permits; and distance requirements;

Assistant Planner Espino gave a brief explanation on frequently asked questions when assisting residents at the front counter.

Commissioner Escalon stated with new titles and color graphics the documents will be user friendly.

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION/BOARD:

Commissioner Perez stated that this was long overdue and happy to see progress moving forward.

Chairman Costea thanked staff and Ms. Stetson for her presentation.

Vice Chairman Young thanked Ms. Stetson for a clear presentation.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that "Planet Fitness" is now open for business and doing very well; The Neighborhood "Wal-Mart Supermarket" on Hacienda Boulevard is scheduled to open in early October; and "The Golden Ox" Restaurant is very close to opening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Perez moved and Commissioner Escalon seconded to Adjourn:

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Costea, Young, Dudley, Escalon and Perez.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Chairman Costea adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary, Planning Commission

Chairman, Costea