CITY OF LA PUENTE

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

October 7, 2014

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 Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on October 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL: Commissioner/Board Members: Costea, Young, Dudley, Escalon and Perez

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

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Carmany, Development Services Director Di Mario, Assistant City Attorney Sparks, Administrative Secretary Ramirez, Assistant Planner Schaetzl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Costea.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Manuel Maldonado stated a majority of the residents living in La Puente are immigrants. He also expressed his disappointment for Hudson School District joining with Hacienda La Puente School District many years ago. He then went on to explain that parking was an issue and he did not agree with the Zone Change.

John Loder stated that he had been a resident of La Puente for the last fifteen years. He gave a brief history of when the General Plan was adopted in 2004. He did not understand why the City adopted the General Plan when the City was not fully prepared. He also expressed that he felt the same information was given at each Zoning Code Workshop and felt he was not given proper time to speak since he was asked to hold his questions until after the presentation. He added that he had over one hundred signatures from residents in the downtown area who want their area to remain R-1.

Council Member David Argudo stated that he was present to introduce Dignitaries that were present from Equator for National Heritage Month and that the University of Equator Orchestra was here to perform. The Orchestra was on a nine day exchange program playing for the City of Los Angeles, Monterey Park and now in La Puente. He then thanked General Council Mr. Jaramillo and the Director for being present translating all information into Spanish. He then introduced Mayor Lewis to the visiting members of the audience from Equator.

Mayor Lewis and Council Member Argudo presented the Certificates of Recognition to each member of the Orchestra.

Ms. Elba Berruz, General Coordinator at Asociacion Ecuatorianos en el Exterior spoke for the group stating that they were very proud to be in La Puente to celebrate National Heritage month, thanking the Council and Commissioners for allowing them to be present and to perform.

Mr. Gomez presented a statue for Mayor Lewis, Council Member Argudo, Chairman Costea and City Manager Carmany. Council Member Argudo was presented with a Robe Sachet stating that they were very proud of his Hispanic pride and the American way of life. He then gave a brief history of Council Member Argudo's back ground as a Marine and as an Ecuadoran American.

Chairman Costea stated that it was an honor and privilege to have them here and welcomed them back at any time.

Commissioner Perez stated that he had been to Equator and that it was a beautiful Country. He welcomed them to the United States and to the City of La Puente.

The dignitaries then proceed outside for refreshments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING:

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings of September 2, 2014.

Chairman Costea moved and Commissioner Perez seconded to waive the reading and approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Recess the Development Review Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

2. **REHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE** – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REPEAL TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY (INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHAPTER 10.62 (ADULT BUSINESSES), ADOPT A REVISED TITLE 10 (ZONING) AND ZONING MAP, AND AN ADDENDUM REGARDING SAME. (Continued from the meetings of July 21, 2014, August 5, 2014, and September 2, 2014.)

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the staff report and stated that he would like to respond to Mr. Loder's remarks during oral communications; the statement Mr. Loder made was incorrect. Mr. Loder was allowed to speak; everyone that attended the workshops was allowed ample time to speak. Mr. Loder expressed his comments and concerns. Staff did their best in allowing all who wished to speak at the meetings to be allowed to do so. Mr. Loder spoke at every meeting and every workshop that he attended. Mr. Di Mario then gave an explanation that staff was following direction from the City Manager and the City Council. Mr. Di Mario apologized if Mr. Loder felt he was restricted from speaking. Staff was recommending that the public hearing be continued to the next regular Planning Commission meeting. A red-lined version would be available for the next meeting then would be recommending approval at the December meeting.

Chairman Costea opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Manuel Maldonado stated that he appreciated the efforts that the county and a real estate agent that attended the previous workshops in trying to assist the public with questions. He then gave an explanation of limited parking on city streets and how families now have four or five cars per household.

Ester Quinoz stated that she had attended all the previous workshops because she was curious to see who would attend. She added that the people left disappointed that their questions had not been heard. She feels that staff does not understand what the residents are feeling. She expressed that she would like to bring some graphics and write a report for the next meeting and how loosing grassy area and tree's was very sad with the new R-2 Zone.

John Loder stated that he felt let down because when he got involved with the Zoning Code Update he thought it was going to support the downtown area. He then understood that there was no plan for the downtown area and that it would remain how it was now. Only growth would be along Hacienda Boulevard. He did not agree on the R-2 zone change. He then went on to complain about businesses in the downtown area.

Chairman Costea asked Mr. Loder to please keep his remarks on the public hearing item.

Marty Paz stated that he agreed on some of the comments that were made tonight. He was in favor of the R-2 zone change some people do not want it while others do.

With no other speakers, Chairman Costa stated that the public hearing would be continued to Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall due to the County elections.

Vice Chairman Young moved; seconded by Commissioner Perez to continue the public hearing regarding the Zoning Code Update to Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

Recess the Planning Commission

Reconvene the Development Review Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: None

Reconvene the Planning Commission

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION/BOARD:

Chairman Costea thanked staff and the MIG Consultants for their hard work.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Young moved; Commissioner Perez 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 8:20 p.m.

Secretary, Planning Commission

Chairman Costea