

CITY OF LA PUENTE
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 23, 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.lapuate.org

A Special 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 06/23/2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Development Services Director Di Mario called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Costea, Young, Dudley, Escalon, and Perez

Members present: Young (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Dudley, Escalon and Perez.

Members absent: Costea.

Staff Present: Development Services Director Di Mario, Assistant Planner Schaeztl, Assistant City Attorney Sparks and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

Development Services Director stated that the Chairman and Vice Chairman were both absent and if the Commission would like to recommend a Commissioner to preside over the meeting.

Commissioner Escalon nominated Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Dudley.

Commissioner Perez then called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Escalon let the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2. DRAFT ZONING CODE UPDATE - Study Session and discussion pertaining to a comprehensive update of Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente Municipal Code

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a brief history of the Zoning Code update.

MIG Consultants, Laura Stetson and Bruce Jacobson presented a PowerPoint Presentation and an overview of the Zoning Code Update.

Ms. Stetson reviewed the current zoning map and proposed changes.

Mr. Jacobson presented the New Structure which consisted of Articles 1 thru 9.

Ms. Stetson reviewed the Old look of CI Permitted Uses.

Mr. Jacobson explained the use of Graphics.

Ms. Stetson explained Residential and Commercial Zones - Key Changes.

Mr. Jacobson reviewed the Standard Conditions for Specific Uses.

Commissioner Perez asked for clarification on home occupations, was there a limit to how many people can reside at a residence.

Mr. Jacobson responded that would be dictated by the Building Code.

Discussion ensued with the Commission and the Consultants regarding home occupations, and home occupancy.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that no action needed to be taken tonight; and stated that staff will bring back the Zoning Code Update for approval on July 21, 2014.

Discussion ensued between the Commission and the Consultants regarding Code Enforcement, Sheriff services, landscaping, code requirements, permits, drop off donation boxes; recycling centers, and manufactured homes,

Mr. Jacobson reviewed article 6 and elimination of the Development Review Board, along with Site Plan & Design Review and the difference between design standards and design

guidelines.

Ms. Stetson described multi-family housing in Article 2, Nonconformities in Article 5, and ended with miscellaneous changes.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

Commissioner Escalon asked if workshops would be provided for the public to better understand the Code before approval at the City Council meeting.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that tonight's meeting was considered a workshop or study session; it was published on the City's web-site, a press release was issued in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune newspaper. At the present time, we do not have any other scheduled workshops adding that the meeting scheduled for July was a noticed public hearing. It will then be presented to the Council in August; that will also be a noticed public hearing; giving the public a chance to speak and or input their opinion.

Commissioner Perez thanked staff and the MIG Consultants for the presentation and their assistance.

Vice Chairman Young requested that he would like to meet with the Consultants in order to have additional questions answered.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that if more than three Commissioners meet we would have to schedule a special meeting and have it noticed, or we can meet with two at a time for review.

Commissioner Perez responded that he was fine with one-on-one questions with staff on a as needed basis.

Commissioner Escalon stated that she felt comfortable with the information that had been provided to the Commission and would like some time to process the information.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario thanked the Commission for attending the Special Meeting Workshop.

Vice Chairman Young and Commissioner Escalon thanked staff and the Consultants for their assistance.

Development Services Director Di Mario reminded the Commission that there would not be a meeting on July 1st. A special meeting would be scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. Adding that Smart and Final would be having their Ribbon Cutting event on July 8th at 5 p.m. and would be open for business on July 9th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Perez moved and Vice Chairman Young seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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


Secretary, Planning Commission


Chairman Costea