

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
January 22, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92672**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Darden called the Regular Study Session of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente to order at 6:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wayne Eggleston, Michael Kaupp, Jim Ruehlin and Kathleen Ward; Chair pro tem Barton Crandell, Vice Chair Donald Brown and Chair Julia Darden

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Pechous, City Planner
Thomas Frank, Transportation Engineering Manager
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

Chair Darden prefaced the meeting's agenda item with a discussion concerning the organization and format of topics for Commission consideration at upcoming study sessions. She endorsed reviewing items at study sessions so the Commission is familiar with and can streamline actions on upcoming issues. She suggested upcoming topics could be broken into 4 sessions, namely 1) Decision-making best practices, 2) Local Coastal Plan review and discussion (with Vice Chair Brown acting as liaison with the Coastal Advisory Committee and keeping this Commission informed), 3) Zoning Ordinance update items, including outdoor dining grandfathering parking impacts, and 4) Strategic Implementation Plan. She believes this approach will help them make well thought out decisions, and that the study session focus will spur vigorous discussion in a more informal atmosphere.

Jim Pechous, City Planner, commented that Jeff Hook, Principal Planner, is currently revising the General Plan in response to City Council input and speculated that additional items would be brought forward as a result of the revisions. In addition, he commented on the importance of making the Zoning Ordinance consistent with the General Plan for liability reasons; noted importance of creating design standards for historic homes so applicants are aware of what they can or can't do instead of just relying on language used in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The design standards for historic homes

should also clarify what it means to have a Mills Act property, and indicate potential change in historical significance when/if structures are modified.

Vice Chair Brown commented that one of the most important things to consider after the General Plan is adopted is the Strategic Implementation Plan. He suggested the Commission consider holding a separate workshop or extended study session to hear public testimony on the many issues to be addressed and debated; established from Chair Darden that the issue raised by a resident concerning historic structures will be reviewed at a Design Review Subcommittee meeting before being considered at the Planning Commission level.

Committee Members endorsed the sessions proposed by Chair Darden.

AGENDA

A. Status Update on the Transportation CIP Projects and Other Traffic Items being Addressed by the City (Frank)

Thomas Frank, Transportation Engineering Manager, reviewed CIP projects currently under or scheduled to start construction.

CIP Projects

1. La Pata Extension
 - a. County BOS approve contract in by December 17, 2013
 - b. Groundbreaking targeted by March 2014
 - c. Staff working on Easement Acquisitions for Camino Del Rio
 - d. Include in future budgets design funds for intersection control along Del Rio
2. I5 HOV improvements and new Pico Interchange
 - a. Segment 3 widening/HOV extension: Start January 2014 (a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for January 29, 2014) and finish in early 2016.
 - b. Segment 2 widening/HOV extension: Start Summer 2014 and finish summer 2016.
 - c. Segment 1 interchange reconstruction: Start Late 2014 and finish mid-2017.
3. West AVH is planned to be completed in the 3rd quarter of this year.
4. Signal Synchronizations for Pico, ECR, Los Mares and Vista Hermosa
 - a. New web based controller system- state of the art system
 - b. Pico and ECR Completed by January 2014, Los Mares and Vista Hermosa by Summer 2014.
5. ECR Class I bike Path- Construction begin Fall 2014.- High Priority

6. Rebalancing/Restriping streets during resurfacing and sealing projects
 - a. Large group of streets will be resurfaced following the completion of the recycled water lines. Rebalance the roadways and stripe in bike lanes were feasible.

7. New Sidewalk Projects- start in February 2014 about 4 months construction.
 - a. Palizada
 - b. Ola Vista
 - c. T-Street Cristobal and Esplanade

8. Sidewalk Repair Program.
 - a. Start in February

Other City Projects

- A. General Plan Review
 - a. Complete Streets and Mobility Element
 - i. Model design Manual of Living Streets
- B. Staff studying curb extensions and additional diagonal parking on West Pico between ECR and Boca de la Playa
- C. Updating Traffic Calming Manual and implementing several Projects
- D. Parking Prohibition Policy coming to Planning Commission later in 2014.
- E. Traffic Complaints
 - a. Caltrans issues at Camino De Estrella finally addressed.
- F. Updating Speed Surveys
- G. Traffic Calming Programs
 - a. Avenida Palizada
 - b. Ola Vista
 - c. Riveria
 - d. West Paseo De Cristobal
 - e. Camino La Pedriza.
- H. Addressing Safe Routes to school issues at Concordia and Vista Del Mar
- I. OCTA
 - a. Bicycle Corridor Study Group
 - b. PCH study
- J. Study to complete Class I and II on Avenida Pico.
- K. Investigating the possibility of Road Diets on various streets throughout the City

Vice Chair Brown commented on the importance of ensuring that both sides of the freeway, South El Camino Real and El Presidente, feature complete street designs that support each other in a holistic manner.

Report received and filed.


COMMISSION COMMENT: None

RECESS - Recess until 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Darden, Chair

Attest:



Jim Pechous, City Planner

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