

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
April 16, 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 6:00 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
Adam Atamian, Assistant Planner
Ken Knatz, Principal Civil Engineer
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

A. Capital Improvement Program General Plan Consistency (Atamian)

Review of projects for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Capital Improvement Program for consistency with the San Clemente General Plan.

Adam Atamian, Assistant Planner, introduced the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program General Plan Consistency Table and requested the Commission review the projects on the Table and determine whether the projects conform to the General Plan. He noted this agenda item will be brought back to the Commission for final consideration and action at their May 21 regular meeting.

Ken Knatz, Principal Civil Engineer, provided commentary in response to the Commissioners' questions and comments.

Chair Darden suggested the Commission go through the Table page by page and provide questions and commentary as they proceed.

Commissioner Ruehlin discussed traffic calming measures proposed for North Beach including unsafe use of alleys to avoid slower traffic. The Commission discussed potential of reversing the subject alley direction as a potential solution. In addition, Commissioner Ruehlin volunteered to consult with the City's IT Department concerning security, new technology, and cost effectiveness of storing data in off-site data centers.

Vice Chair Brown suggested addition of language to the Poche Watershed Activities Project on Page 4 to clarify the connectivity of the project to the Sewer Master Plan. He noted this project was undergoing intense scrutiny by members of the Coastal Advisory Committee. Under "Project Description," item, "c", the Commissioners added to the end of the sentence, "based on results of the Sewer Master Plan."

In response to comments regarding language in the "Notes" section of the Traffic Calming Program Project on Page 7, Jim Pechous, City Planner agreed to revise the sentence, "The project is still in the conceptual phase." to reflect the true status of the program as an ongoing effort to respond to traffic situations as identified by citizens in a prescribed manner.

In response to questions from Commissioner Eggleston regarding any upcoming Capital Improvement Projects slated for Casa Romantica, City Planner Pechous noted there were line items in the budget for maintenance of the Casa, such as the replacement of rotted posts and replica tiles, skylight repair and tree trimming. At this time there are no funds or plans in the budget to improve the front parking lot or replace/fix the wrought iron fence or footings. He noted that per the City's agreement with the Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, the Casa is responsible to use the funds it raises through weddings and events to maintain certain parts of the property, including as he recalls the building's paint, both inside and out. He acknowledged that the City as far as he knows does not review the Casa's budget for its maintenance schedule. Commissioner Eggleston suggested that deferred maintenance of the wrought iron fencing could result in the need for major repairs, especially if it is not being painted as often as necessary in the sea air.

Commissioner Ward established from Mr. Knatz that the City has been negotiating a warranty with the manufacturer of the product used to coat the bridge on the Beach Trail. He speculated that ongoing bridge maintenance could be included as a line item in the operating budget, and agreed to research and provide information to City Planner Pechous for consideration when this item is presented to the Commission for certification.

Report received and filed.

COMMISSION COMMENT:

Commissioners requested staff bring Review of the Draft Strategic Implementation Program (SIP), currently scheduled for the May 21 Regular Planning Commission Meeting, to a study session in advance of the meeting for informal review.


RECESS - Recess until 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia Darden, Chair

Attest:



Jim Pechous, City Planner