MINUTES

HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008
HUNTINGTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER
2000 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92648

5:15 P.M. - ROOM B-8 (CITY HALL LOWER LEVEL)

CALL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
ROLL CALL:	*Farley,*	*Dwyer,*	*Shier-Burnett,*	*Livengood,*	*Shaw,*	*Speaker,*	*Scandura*

Vice Chair Shier Burnett was absent; Commissioner Dwyer arrived at 5:18 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Commissioner Livengood recommended moving Public Comments before Item No. B-1.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCANDURA, SECONDED BY DWYER, TO MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE ITEM NO. B-1 AND TO APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 26, 2008, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Farley, Dwyer, Livengood, Shaw, Speaker, Scandura
NOES: None
ABSENT: Shier-Burnett
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION APPROVED

THE AGENDA WILL RELECT ITEMS IN THEIR ORIGINAL ORDER.

A. PROJECT REVIEW (FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS)

A-1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 07-036 (Huntington Beach Wetlands Restoration) – Rami Talleh, Associate Planner

Rami Talleh, Associate Planner, gave an overview of the proposed project and highlighted the proposed restoration phases. He noted that this item came before the Planning Commission at a study session on January 23rd and is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission at the March 11, 2008 meeting.

Gary Gorman, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, and Chris Webb, consultant at Moffat & Nichol, were in attendance and available to answer questions.

Commissioner Scandura asked staff what the Planning Commission's decision will encompass, and staff stated that the Planning Commission's action on March 11, 2008 (including the approval in concept), would be final unless appealed to the City Council.

General discussion ensued regarding the number of truck trips necessary to move excavated materials, the re-use of those materials, and the impact that the truck trips would have on traffic.

Planning Manager Herb Fauland stated that the Orange County Sanitation District has an approved landscape plan and that he will provide an update and overview to Chair Livengood.

Commissioner Speaker spoke regarding truck trips, citing concerns with mud and dirt on the streets, noise issues and the degradation of the streets themselves.

A-2. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT #07-01 (Design Review Board) – Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner

Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner, provided the Planning Commission with an update on Zoning Text Amendment #07-01, and noted that there were no definite dates yet for an additional Planning Commission study session or Planning Commission public hearing. Commissioner Scandura requested an additional study session on this item.

Chair Livengood asked staff who comprises the current Design Review Board and staff stated that the Board consists of four citizens at large (two who are alternates), one Planning Commissioner and two staff members (Planning and Public Works).

Planning Manager Herb Fauland spoke of the scope of the Design Review Board issues which will go before the Planning Commission.

B. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

B-1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS – Chris Davis, Senior Administrative Analyst

Chris Davis, Senior Administrative Analyst, provided an update on the Planning Department Fee Schedule Revisions and noted that this is part of an ongoing Citywide review of fees.

Planning Manager Herb Fauland noted that this item would be going before the City Council on Monday, March 3, 2008.

B-2. PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP – Chair Tom Livengood

Chair Livengood polled the Planning Commissioners regarding their availability and it was decided that the Planning Commission Workshop would be held on the morning of Thursday, March 20th, 2008. Topics for the workshop will tentatively include the Downtown Master Plan, Bella Terra II, Beach/Edinger Corridor, the Zucker Report, Neighborhood Compatibility and Planning Commission Goals for 2008.

C. AGENDA REVIEW (UPDATE ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS) - NONE

D. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Shaw reported on his recent attendance at an Environmental Board meeting and noted that the Board is going to launch an informational website.

Commissioner Dwyer spoke of his attendance (along with Commissioner Shaw) at the Downtown Specific Plan workshop on February 20th and remarked that the most prevalent discussion item was parking. He also reported on his recent attendance at a "Golden Shovel Ceremony" for a newly-constructed Green home on 21st Street.

Chair Livengood congratulated Commissioner Farley on his election as the Chair of the Design Review Board.

Commissioner Farley spoke of his attendance at the Design Review Board meeting of February 14th and announced that a Trader Joe's will be the anchor tenant at the shopping center located at the northwest corner of Hamilton and Brookhurst.

Commissioner Scandura reported on his attendance at the ULI Conference in Los Angeles (February 14th-15th) – he attended with Council Member Coerper. Scandura said that ULI gave an impressive presentation on projects throughout the country and that the walking tour of downtown Long Beach was very informative.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leonie Herting, citizen, spoke against Item No. A-1, stating she doesn't want the construction truck traffic on Newland Street and has concerns with airborne contamination caused by the mud and dust.

F. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS - NONE

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

APPROVED BY:

Scott Hess, Secretary

Tom Livengood, Chair