

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21, 2004
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lettieri at 9:02 a.m. Chairperson Lettieri adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Tony Lettieri-present
Vice-Chairperson Barry Schultz-not present
Commissioner Carolyn Chase-present
Commissioner Kathleen Garcia-present
Commissioner Gil Ontai-present
Commissioner Dennis Otsuji-present
Commissioner Mark Steele-present
Betsy McCullough, Planning Department-not present
Mary Wright, Planning Department-not present
Bob Manis, Planning Department-present
Marcela Escobar-Eck, Development Services-not present
Mike Westlake, Development Services-present
Mary Jo Lanzafame, Deputy City Attorney-present
Linda Lugano, Recorder-present

ITEM-1: **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT - ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD:**
None.

ITEM-2: **REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE:**
Item No. 10, Oyster Shell Project No. 5397 was withdrawn and will be rescheduled for a future hearing.

ITEM-3: **REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**
Item No. 11 was placed on the consent agenda.

ITEM-4: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
Gail Goldberg announced that planning staff is currently attending the Statewide APA conference in Palm Springs. The City of San Diego received an "Excellence In Planning" award for implementation with the City of Villages Pilot Projects.

ITEM-5: **COMMISSION COMMENT:**
Commissioner Chase advised of an upcoming Green Built tour occurring this Saturday, October 23, 2004.

ITEM-6: **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND OCTOBER 7, 2004.**

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY OTSUJI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004. Second by Steele. Passed by a 4-0 vote with Commissioners Garcia and Chase recusing and Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present.

MOTION BY GARCIA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2004 WITH A CLARIFICATION TO THE MOTION ON ITEM NO. 7 TO REQUEST THAT THE REVISED STAFF REPORT PROVIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS. Second by Chase. Passed by a 6-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present.

ITEM-7: **APPROVAL OF THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005.**

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY CHASE TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. Second by Garcia. Passed by a 6-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present.

ITEM-8: **APPEAL OF STAFF DECISION FOR THE CINGULAR TOWER –ST. DAVID’S PROJECT NO. 19148.**

Karen Lynch-Ashcraft presented Report to the Planning Commission No. PC-04-173.

Testimony in favor of the appeal by Dave Potter, Christopher Gramlich, Ike Fifield, Linda Rotert, and Nina Garcia.

Testimony in opposition to the appeal by William Lynch, Bill Booth and Steve Chatfield.

Public testimony was closed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY ONTAI TO DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE THE PERMIT WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE APPLICANT SURVEYS THE DRIP LINE AND REROUTE THE TRENCHES OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING TREE DRIP LINES; AND HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPLACE ANY TREES (IF NECESSARY WITH LIKE-TREES) WITHIN THE USUAL TIME FRAME USED BY LANDSCAPING STAFF. Second by Otsuji. Failed by a 3-3 vote with Chairperson Lettieri, and Commissioners Steele and Chase voting nay.

MOTION BY CHASE TO CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 18, 2004 FOR A FULL COMMISSION. Second by Garcia. Passed by a 6-0 with the Chairperson Schultz not present.

**ITEM-9: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 86-0955 FOR THE NEIL GOOD DAY
CENTER LOCATED AT 299 17TH STREET.**

Brad Richter presented Memo to Planning Commission dated October 13, 2004.

Testimony in favor by Ernie Linares, Sharon Johnson, Bruce Gregory, Bob McElroy, Bradley Simmons, Shirley Sanders, Kathleen Willman, Lynnard Dottery, Charles Hansen, Art Salzberg, Dwight Finley, James Hansen, Anthony Phillips, Florence Hardge, Gary Smith, Adam Disomma and Larry Milligan.

Testimony in opposition by Simon Andrews, Leslie Wade, Jeff Washington, Linville Martin, Chesley Robison, Claudine Scott, Glenna Schmidt, James Hughes, Pete Cone, Fritz Ahern, Connie Zunega, Gary London, Mike Madigen, Ann Navarra, Will Berry, Caryl Iseman, Amy Richter, Mark Mazzarella, Mitch Berner, Mary Kelly, and Robert Ito.

Public testimony was closed.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY GARCIA TO CONTINUE TO DECEMBER 9, 2004 FOR THE FOLLOWING: TO HAVE STAFF CLARIFY AND WORK ON THE CONDITIONS SUBMITTED, DATED OCTOBER 13, 2004, AND STAFF TO WORK WITH AN EXPANDED COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE RESIDENTS AND THE OPERATOR ON THESE CONDITIONS; ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSSION ON THE CONDITIONS. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CODE COMPLIANCE (IF APPROPRIATE) BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT HEARING TO DISCUSS CRIME REPORTS. Second by Chase. Passed by a 4-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present and Commissioners Steele and Ontai recusing.

ITEM-10: OYSTER SHELL- PROJECT NO. 5397

This project was withdrawn and will be rescheduled for a future hearing.

ITEM-11: **DIAMOND STREET CONDO TENTATIVE MAP - PROJECT NUMBER 38974.**

COMMISSION ACTION:

CONSENT MOTION BY GARCIA TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED IN REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION NO. PC-04-168. Second by Otsuji. Passed by a 6-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present.

ITEM-12: **CONSIDERATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PLAN FOR THE DIAMOND VIEW TOWER PROJECT LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF J STREET BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH AVENUES.**

Brad Richter, CCDC presented a memo to the Planning Commission dated October 13, 2004.

No one present to speak.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY ONTAI TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THEY APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION THAT WHEN THE LIGHTING CHOICE IS MADE THAT IT BE MADE CONSISTENT ON ALL THE SIGNS AND INCLUDE A CLARIFICATION THAT THE FINDINGS WERE MADE ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS IN THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT. Second by Chase. Passed by a 6-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz not present.

ITEM-13: **WORKSHOP – UNDERGROUNDING.**

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY CHASE TO CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 4, 2004. Second by Otsuji. Passed by a 4-0 vote with Vice-Chairperson Schultz and Commissioners Steele and Ontai not present.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Lettieri at 2:05 p.m.