

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 5, 2017  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

Chairperson Stephen Haase called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Chairperson Stephen Haase adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

Chairperson Stephen Haase – present  
Vice-Chairperson Sue Pearson – present  
Commissioner James Whalen – present  
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present  
Commissioner William Hofman – present  
Commissioner Granowitz – present  
Dennis Otsuji – present

Staff

Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present  
Laura Black, Planning Department – present  
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present  
Louis Schultz, Development Services Department – present  
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN**

ITEM # 2 - PACIFIC VILLAGE - PROJECT NO. 470158 - **WITHDRAWN**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Accepted as presented.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Laura Black reported that on Tuesday, the City Council voted unanimously to accept and adopt the California Coastal Commission modification to the November 15, 2016 adopted San Ysidro Community Plan and Local Coastal Program. The community plan is a new local coastal program and covers approximately a third of the community West of I-5 and is part of the Tijuana River Valley watershed. The California Coastal Commission modifications address low cost visitor overnight accommodations, scenic resources, environmentally sensitive habitat area also known as ESHA, wetlands preservation and sea level rise; there were no land use changes. The Planning Department produced a specific plan brochure which she provided to the Commission this morning to provide property owners, business owners and residents with information on the recently adopted plan.

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

Commissioner Granowitz commented that Commissioner Haase did a good job in facilitating and organizing the Planning Commission session at the APA Conference. She really appreciated this Commission after hearing how some of the other Commissions are run, that in spite of the fact that they might have some of their thoughts on how things might be run differently. Overall, this Commission's level of professionalism and commitments to doing things with appropriate protocols was evident. She commended Commissioner Haase for doing a great job including fellow Commissioners and the staff members.

Commissioner Haase announced that next year, the State Annual Planning Conference is in San Diego and will be asking the Commission for their help in putting together a workshop and sessions for Commissioners and board members; any ideas that they might have to make it a good experience

for the appointed officials in the State. Given the special role that they have and many of them not being professional planners, many are involved in land use planning and many have their day job in other disciplines; this is a great opportunity and will find out when we get the feedbacks. He will be very actively involved with the Conference. He also mentioned that Commissioner Granowitz was there to get her award and congratulated her again. The Conference has already been scheduled for October 7-10, 2018 and he encouraged his fellow Commissioners to plan to attend on Sunday for that weekend. They will have a Planning Commissioner and Board representative day and will start off with a breakfast in the morning which is very informal. We can try to invite some other representatives from our region and hopefully some elected officials. They had the Mayor of West Sacramento in the Conference and really an interesting individual; he hopes that they can do the same thing in San Diego next year. He has a couple of housekeeping items, there were occasions where the Commission offer corrections to the Minutes and quite often they are very non-substantial to his opinion and we allow the Planning Commission Secretary make those and not brought back before the Commission. He suggested that if the comments are substantive, and if the Commissioners felt that they need to be brought back to the Commission, he asked them to let the Planning Commission Secretary know and make their intentions clear. He mentioned that he spoke to the Planning Commission Secretary and if she's uncomfortable or hasn't got it all, she will also offer to bring them back as well. Lastly, as the Commission discussed last year about the resources in this body for a variety of reasons, whether it's for professional development or some sort of electronics that can be used in the Chambers; he would like to schedule a workshop and have a discussion on the types of resources that the Planning Commission needs and prepare a request to the City Council that could be brought forth by the two Directors. He felt that it's not fair for the Directors to figure out what the Commission needs and then to try to squeeze it in with their individual budgets. If there is some interest in that, then we can put that on the Agenda very soon and can talk about some of the needs of the Commission and that way the Commission can express directly to the Council on what they need to do their job.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

ITEM-1: ***Continued from August 31, 2017; Appeal of Hearing Officer's decision on June 28, 2017***

#### **EMERSON MAP WAIVER - PROJECT NO. 503585**

City Council District: 2

Plan Area: Peninsula

Staff: Derrick Johnson

#### **NOTE: Public Testimony was reopened.**

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Toby Kramer, Jim Bartell and Michael R. Morton.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Jon Chapin.

