

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
MAY 31, 2018
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Stephen Haase called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Chairperson Stephen Haase adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Stephen Haase – present
Vice-Chairperson Sue Peerson – present / left at 9:12 a.m.
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REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PJ Fitzgerald, Assistant Deputy Director commented that Kerry Santoro is wrapping up her career today after 31 years of service with the City of San Diego. She started her career as a Community Planner in the Planning Department and has held multiple positions in the year since, including spending time with managing the Peninsula Community Service Center and as a Public Officer in Public Works and Engineering. She is currently the Deputy Director in the Development Services Department, managing the Land Development Review Team. She congratulated Kerry Santoro on her 31 years of public service and a job well done; the City of San Diego is in a better place with Kerry being on the team.

Stacy LoMedico, Assistant Chief Operating Officer thanked Kerry Santoro for her public service and stated that after 31 years she thought she deserves a balloon.

Kerry Santoro, Deputy Director thanked her current staff who in her opinion are the hardest working employees in the City of San Diego; the passion and dedication that they show to their craft and to making the City a better place for its citizens is really heartwarming to her. She stated that it has made her time with the Development Services Department very gratifying and it's been an amazing ride; she had so many opportunities, wonderful mentors, supervisors and management teams while she's been here and in many ways, it's hard to go. She thanked everyone including the Commission for the hard work that they do and the dedication they bring to be in the Commission applying it on land use matters week in and week out. In closing, she said that this is a great place; keep it that way.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Austin would like to announce publicly that the Housing Workshop has landed finally on the Planning Commission Agenda on the 21st of June. He is looking forward to a full and robust discussion of how we can make housing better, easier and get more of it etc.

Commissioner Whalen commented that they have their first confirmation for the September 13th Stormwater Workshop; The Branch Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers Shelly Lynch has confirmed.

Commissioner Peerson announced that she will not be at the June and July Planning Commission Meetings. She is teaching at UC San Diego, a summer course that will be held in Weimar Germany at Bauhaus University. Her teaching will take her abroad and she will miss the Commission, but will be back in August.

Commissioner Granowitz commented that she got a back of house tour of the new Fenton Project in Little Italy. She stated that it was fascinating how they dealt with all their utility appertences and their stormwater; if you walk through the Plaza, the Piazza, you'll notice that there are no curbs or gutters. They went through a special a special way that they are dealing with their stormwater; she actually asked John Loera if maybe they would come and tell the Commission how they sort of did that, because it was lovely to see that space without curbs and gutters. She mentioned that how they dealt with all the stuff none of the Commission have seen and really want to know about was really fascinating.

DISCUSSION ITEM

ITEM-1: ***Appeal of Development Services Department's decision on March 7, 2018***

HILLCREST 111 NDP – PROJECT NO. 522075

City Council District: 3

Plan Area: Uptown

Staff: Paul Godwin

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Jim Ivory, Marcela Escobar-Eck, Jeannette Temple, Bob LaFeuer, Murtuza Razavi, Karen Ruggels, Brittany Ruggels Wallace, Michael Heinrich, Mike Wolfe, Arnold Torma, Jordan Lail, Becca Williams, Kathi Riser, Clyde Prem, Heather Riley, Maya Rosas, Matthew Vasilakis, Sharon Gehl, Eddie Reynoso, Benjamin Nicholls and Jeannie Kim.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Tom Mullaney, Dennis Seisun, Joe Nalven, William Cordell and Alfonso Espinosa.

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOFMAN APPROVING THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT DECISION TO APPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 1832841. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Haase, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Peerson recusing.