

MINUTES

CITY OF CARSON REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

HELEN KAWAGOE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CARSON CITY HALL
701 East Carson Street, Second Floor
Carson, CA 90745

JANUARY 28, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Faletogo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Salute to the Flag was led by Commissioner Schaefer.
3. **ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners Present:
*Brimmer, Diaz, Faletogo, Goolsby, Gordon, Piñon, Schaefer, Saenz, Verrett

*(Commissioner Brimmer arrived at 6:38 P.M.)

Planning Staff Present: Planning Officer Repp, Senior Planner Signo, City Attorney Wynder, Associate Planner Gonzalez, Planning Technician Alexander, Recording Secretary Bothe
4. **AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION** Recording Secretary Bothe indicated that all posting requirements had been met.
5. **AGENDA APPROVAL** Commissioner Saenz moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried, 8-0 (Commissioner Brimmer had not yet arrived.)
6. **INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESSES** Chairman Faletogo requested that all persons wishing to provide testimony stand for the oath, complete the general information card at the podium, and submit it to the secretary for recordation.
7. **SWEARING OF WITNESSES** City Attorney Wynder
8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** For items **NOT** on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes.

Mayor Dear stated he had not intended for residential to be included in the discussion for chain-link fencing; and he requested the Commission indefinitely continue the chain-link fencing item for industrial/commercial properties, noting he has made arrangements to meet with the business community regarding this issue.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Minutes: January 14, 2014

Commissioner Piñon requested that the word “meeting” be changed to “pre-trial hearing” on page 6.

Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Verrett, to approve the January 14, 2014, Minutes as amended. Motion carried, 9-0.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

zg B) Extension of Time for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 67934

Applicant’s Request:

The applicant, Terracina Investment, LLC, is requesting an extension of time for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 67934. The property is located at 157 West 223rd Street.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE the time extension request for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 67934 until February 9, 2016; and ADOPT a minute resolution extending the approval to February 9, 2016.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to approve the minute resolution for the extension of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 67934 to February 9, 2016. Motion carried, 9-0.

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

js A) Zone Text Amendment No. 15-13

Applicant’s Request:

The applicant, city of Carson, is requesting the Planning Commission consider an ordinance amendment to the fence standards for commercial and industrial zones, including prohibiting or restricting chain-link and barbed wire for properties citywide.

Staff Recommendation:

OPEN the public hearing and TAKE public testimony; CONTINUE this item to a date certain.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Verrett, to continue this matter indefinitely at the request of Mayor Dear. Motion carried, 8-0 (absent Commissioner Gordon).

11. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Design Overlay No. 1498-13 and Conditional Use Permit No. 934-13

Applicant’s Request:

The applicant, AT&T, is requesting to approve construction of a 60-foot-high major communications facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine) and a 138-square-foot equipment shelter on an existing SCE utility compound in the MH-D (Manufacturing, Heavy – Design Overlay) zoning district. The property is located at 140U West Griffith Street.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Planning Technician Alexander presented staff report and the recommendation to APPROVE the Categorical Exemption; APPROVE Design Overlay No. 1498-13 and Conditional Use Permit No. 934-13, subject to conditions of approval attached as Exhibit “B” to the Resolution; and WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 14-2504, entitled, “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson approving Design Overlay Review No. 1498-13 and Conditional Use Permit No. 934-13 for construction of a 60-foot-high major communications facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine) and equipment shelter on a property located at 140U West Griffith Street.”

Chairman Faletogo opened the public hearing.

Vance Pomeroy, applicant’s representative, noted his concurrence with the conditions of approval.

Chairman Faletogo closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Diaz moved, seconded by Commissioner Brimmer, to approve the applicant’s request, thus adopting Resolution No. 14-2504. Motion carried, 9-0.

12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION None

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None

14. MANAGER'S REPORT

Planning Officer Repp advised that the Oxy Draft EIR is now available for review, noting there is a 45-day comment period (January 23, 2014 through March 10, 2014); she advised there will be a joint Planning and Environmental Commission meeting on February 11, 2014, to gather comments and questions – pointing out the questions will not be responded to at this meeting; she advised that the public can view the materials on the City's website, at the libraries, City Hall, or purchase a CD; and she also highlighted the extensive public notice efforts.

15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Saenz distributed a list of automotive-related businesses in the City, questioning which ones have gone through the conditional use permit process; and he highlighted the Department of Water and Power's water saving program for removal of lawns and replacing with xeriscaping. He asked if a special tax/fee can be imposed upon trucking/container businesses to improve the City's roadways.

City Attorney Wynder responded that beyond traffic impact fees, he is not aware of anything else and that he would need to research that if it is the desire of the Commission.

Commissioner Schaefer stated she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Buffalo Wild Wings and attended the Martin Luther King parade in Gardena, noting she enjoyed both events.

Commissioner Piñon asked if the joint Oxy meeting notice can be placed under the City's website area of "What's New in Carson."

Chairman Faleto go thanked staff and the Commission for their efforts.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 P.M., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 6:30 P.M., City Council Chambers.

Chairman

Attest By:

Secretary