

City of Elk Grove

Minutes of the Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Nancy Chaires called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Present: Chairperson Chaires and Commissioners Maita, Harris, and Murphey

Absent: Commissioner Villanueva

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: M/S Murphey/Harris to approve the consent calendar of April 15, 2010 as presented. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Villanueva):

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AMENDMENT TO TITLE 23 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – CITY-INITIATED ORDINANCE:

The proposed City-initiated Ordinance consists of an amendment to Title 23 of the Municipal Code (Zoning) to revise the definition of the "clear-vision triangle" for consistency with Title 12 of the Municipal Code and Public Works Improvement Standards.

Sarah Kirchgessner and Fritz Buchman presented details of the amendment and answered questions of the Commission and public.

During a discussion about clear-vision triangle standards, Mr. Buchman provided examples throughout different areas of Elk Grove for the Commission to visualize. Commissioner's Maita and Murphey questioned the practicality of reducing the 30'x30' clear vision triangle to 20'x20' at residential intersections. Concerned that 30' might be too restrictive, Commission Maita suggested Public Works research 20' options. Mr. Buchman agreed and said he would check with the development community.

Chair Chaires declared public comment open.

There were no requests to speak during the public comment opportunity.

Chair Chaires declared public comment closed.

Commissioner Maita felt the hearing should be continued so the Commission has an opportunity to review public works' response before making a recommendation to the City Council.

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Alves explained that the intent of amendment is to remove the hard coding to clean up the code conflicts and that the Engineers would determine the standards. She stated that the recommendation to the Council does not include actual numbers.

Commissioner Murphey also preferred to see Public Works' response before making a recommendation.

While Commissioner Harris and Chairperson Chaires had no real concerns with the amendment as proposed, they agreed to support the request by Commissioner Maita and Murphey to continue the public hearing to allow public works time to research the practical aspects of the clear vision triangle.

Motion: M/S Murphey/Maita that the Planning Commission continue the public hearing to the May 20, 2010 regular meeting. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Villanueva):**

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

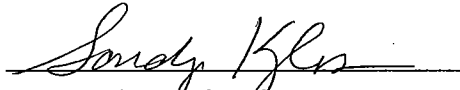
Jessica Shalamunec presented the Planning Director's Report which consisted of the Planning Commission/City Council tentatively scheduled items. She asked the Commission to please RSVP to zoning public outreach meeting. This was an informational item only, no actions were taken.

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

Commissioner Harris said a neighbor brought up beekeeping on property located at Franklin and Laguna and asked staff if they could come back with any previous discussions at the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Prepared by Sandy Kyles
Planning Commission Clerk

APPROVED: May 20, 2010