

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF FONTANA
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 19, 2015
Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 6:00 P.M. Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City of Fontana Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Chairperson Cothran called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Cothran, Vice-Chairperson Meyer, Secretary Garcia, and Commissioner Quiroga

Absent: Commissioner Rowland

Also Present: Attorney Andrew D. Maiorano; Senior Planner Orlando Hernandez; Assistant Engineer Ricardo Garay; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Planning Commission Secretary Ysela

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Invocation given by Commissioner Cothran, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Public Communications

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Planning Commission Minutes of May 5, 2015.

A motion was made by Secretary Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Cothran to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2015, Planning Commission

Meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-1 with Commissioner Quiroga abstaining. Vice-Chairperson Meyer participated in order to have a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Design Review #14-028, New Condo Complex, Continued Public Hearing from April 21, 2015

Orlando Hernandez, Senior Planner provided the staff report.

Staff received communication from property owners nearby regarding the block wall.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Discussion was held on the safe path for school children. Public Works does not have any planned improvements along Frankfort Avenue. There is a proposed project on Locust that will provide sidewalks and there will be a safe path to school.

Speaking for the applicant, Doug Andresen, the applicant has read the conditions and has no exception. The applicant will incorporate the block wall.

Discussion was held on the splash park/ground fountain feature being very expensive and the pool is a better option.

Jose A. Sanchez, a property owner to the east of the project spoke on a concern regarding the block wall.

Discussion was held on the block wall that the applicant will put up at the property line of the adjacent properties; there is an Edison easement, but there are no restrictions on the placement of the block walls.

Discussion was held on the adjacent property owner building a guest house in the future.

Ismael Tejada spoke on the concern of creating an alley with the new block wall, but he is okay, if the applicant builds the returns.

The applicant spoke on the willingness to do whatever needs to be done to be a good neighbor. The applicant and property owners agree to remove the neighbor's westerly wall and include new extension returns.

Discussion was held on having room for a sidewalk; applicant agreed to building a wall, but doing a curb and sidewalk would be a lot of money. The applicant will work with staff regarding a possible walkway.

Mr. Sanchez will speak to staff regarding adding a guest house on his property; moving the wall does not affect the building of the guest house.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Meyer and seconded by Secretary Garcia to 1) Determine that the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15332, Class 32, (In-Fill Development) of the California Environmental Quality Act, direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and 2) Approve Design Review No. 14-028 with added Condition No. 12A, on page 22 of 33 regarding the block walls. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Director Communications:

The Planning Commission reviewed an update of future City Council Agenda items for the May 26, 2015, June 9, 2015 (Joint City Council and Planning Commission), June 23, 2015, and July 14, 2015, meetings for the Planning Commission's information; and an update of future Planning Commission items for the June 2, 2015, June 9, 2015 (Joint City Council and Planning Commission), June 16, 2015, and July 14, 2015 (Joint City Council and Planning Commission), meetings for the Planning Commission's information.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

A. Planning Commission Remarks

Secretary Garcia wished everyone a great Memorial Day.

Commissioner Quiroga spoke on the Fontana Unified School District and City of Fontana soccer fundraiser held last week.

Commissioner Quiroga spoke on school being out next week and his students were awesome.

Vice-Chairperson Meyer spoke on thanking Veterans for their service to this country.

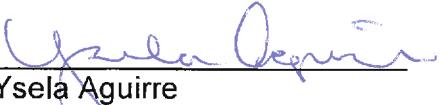
Vice-Chairperson Meyer spoke on confirmations held at Sacred Heart on May 14, 2015, and congratulated a great group of young men and women.

Chairperson Cothran congratulated the Miss Fontana Contestants; there are 102 participating in the pageant on June 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the Planning Commission adjourned at 6:31 p.m. to the

Regular Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor City Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.


Ysela Aguirre
Commission Secretary

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2015.


Phil Cothran
Chairperson