

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
B Room, Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Barker
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Nuygen
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Margolin, O'Neill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Barker

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

July 21, 2016 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Zamora Second: Barker

Ayes: (5) Barker, Kanzler, Nuygen, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Margolin, O'Neill

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-027-2016 AND VARIANCE NO. V-013-2016.
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13512 NEWHOPE STREET, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
NEWHOPE STREET AND TRASK AVENUE.

Applicant: Katie Metz (Outfront Media)

Date: September 15, 2016

Request: Site Plan approval to relocate certain specific existing billboards and convert them into one (1) two-sided electronic billboard along the Garden Grove (22) Freeway, in conjunction with a request for Variance approval to allow the relocated billboard within 350 feet of a residential zoned property. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project and will be considered for adoption along with the subject

Site plan and Variance applications. The site is in the PUD-104-72 (Planned Unit Development) zone.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Collin Smith

Handouts included correspondence from the Department of Transportation with a copy of the Outdoor Advertising Display Permit Application (ODA) attached and a comment letter from the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD).

Action: Resolution No. 5867-16 was approved.

Motion: Zamora Second: Barker

Ayes: (5) Barker, Kanzler, Nuygen, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Margolin, O'Neill

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora noted that the Brookhurst Triangle property had graffiti and trash. Staff said the matter would be communicated to the division that handles real estate.

Commissioner Zamora asked for an update on the sale of the Cottage properties. Staff replied that relocation efforts were in motion; that tenants were notified with a time frame; that the financial aspect could be reviewed once tenants were moved out; and that the project would go through the entitlement process.

Commissioner Barker asked why temporary buildings at schools did not come through Planning Commission. Staff explained that the placement of temporary buildings was governed by the state; that the City had no jurisdiction; and that most schools need the temporary buildings as they undergo renovations.

Commissioner Barker also observed that school fields that were fenced made the schools look like prisons and made it more difficult for residents to use the fields.

Commissioner Paredes mentioned that he attended the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission on September 12th and listened to presentation about the homeless situation. He acknowledged the officer's work and asked where the homeless from the flood channel were relocated. Staff responded that the concentration of homeless at the Knott/Brookhurst flood control channel were scattered and congregated elsewhere; that some homeless veterans were assisted by the Outreach Team, and some homeless just do not want the help; also, that all patrol officers carry informational handouts for assistance with housing, food, etc.

Commissioner Zamora asked about the plan for the fenced-in parking lot on Main Street. Staff explained that the fence was a deterrent to day laborers, who congregated there and created traffic safety issues.

Commissioner Zamora then commended the Police Department in regard to addressing parking issues on Trask Avenue, where the signs say there is no parking between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. With police assistance, there were no cars during the week, however, there were cars on the weekend because of Costco.

Commissioner Zamora also asked if the Commissioners could be notified of community meetings. Staff explained about potential Brown Act issues, as a majority of Commissioners should not be at the same meeting. Information and evidence for land use applications should be introduced at a public hearing, though the request was reasonable, and the matter would be looked into.

On that note, Vice Chair Kanzler commented that the Planning Commission was another version of a neighborhood meeting. He then asked if a joint meeting could occur with the Planning Commission and Main Street Commission in regard to the Cal Poly Study for the Bicycle Master Plan, especially to discuss the downtown. Staff would try to have a meeting scheduled in the next few months.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff mentioned that the Planning Commission Meetings of October 6th and 20th would be cancelled and that the November 3rd meeting was on with a few items.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the B Room of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Zamora	Second:	Paredes
Ayes:	(5)	Barker, Kanzler, Nuygen, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(2)	Margolin, O'Neill	

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary