

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CONCORD PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission, City of Concord, was called to order by Chair Obringer at 7:03 P.M., Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in the City Council Chamber.

I. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Carlyn Obringer
Vice Chair John Mercurio
Commissioner Ernie Avila
Commissioner Robert Hoag
Commissioner Jason Laub
Commissioner Tim McGallian

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Simpson, Planning Manager
Susanne Brown, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner
Joelle Fockler, City Clerk
Florence Weiss, Downtown Program Manager

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Mercurio led the pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Debra Taraskewich commented that she is interested in the Chalomar Crossings project and that she will be appearing at future Planning Commission meetings to further understand the Planning and Planning Commission process. Planning Manager Simpson announced there is a benched letter pertaining to the Chalomar Crossings project.

Planning Manager Simpson announced the Consent Calendar would be heard following the Public Comment Period.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mercurio, and seconded by Commissioner McGallian to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2015. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Mercurio, McGallian, Avila, Hoag, Obringer
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

V. RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER JOHN MERCURIO

City staff and the Planning Commission recognized outgoing Commissioner Mercurio for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

VI. OATH OF OFFICE – For Commissioners Carlyn Obringer and Jason Laub.

City Clerk Joelle Fockler administered the oath of office to Commissioners Carlyn Obringer and Jason Laub.

VII. REORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1. Nomination and designation of the Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2015/16.

Motion was made by Commissioner McGallian to nominate Commissioner Hoag for Chair, and seconded by Commissioner Avila. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: McGallian, Avila, Hoag, Laub, Obringer
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 2. Nomination and designation of the Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2015/16.

Motion was made by Commissioner McGallian to nominate Commissioner Avila for Vice-Chair, and seconded by Commissioner Obringer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: McGallian, Obringer, Avila, Hoag, Laub
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

VIII. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

1. Nomination and designation of Design Review Board Liaison and Alternate for 2015/16.

Motion was made by Commissioner Obringer to nominate Commissioner Avila for Design Review Board Liaison, and seconded by Commissioner McGallian. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Obringer, McGallian, Avila, Hoag, Laub
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Commissioner Avila to nominate Commissioner Laub for Design Review Board Liaison Alternate, and seconded by Commissioner Obringer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Avila, Obringer, Hoag, Laub, McGallian
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

2. Nomination and designation of TRANSPAC Liaison and Alternate for 2015/16.

Motion was made by Commissioner Avila to nominate Commissioner McGallian for TRANSPAC Liaison, and seconded by Commissioner Obringer. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Avila, Obringer, Hoag, Laub, McGallian
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Commissioner McGallian to nominate Commissioner Obringer for TRANSPAC Liaison Alternate, and seconded by Commissioner Avila. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: McGallian, Avila, Hoag, Laub, Obringer
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

IX. ADDITIONS / CONTINUANCES / WITHDRAWALS

None were announced.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

XI. STUDY SESSION

1. **Development Code Update – Temporary Signs and Display – Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner @ (925) 671-3332**

XII. COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

Commissioner Laub stated he was honored to be a Planning Commissioner and would do his best in this position. He also thanked the Commission and staff for the warm welcome he has received. Commissioner Hoag welcomed Commissioner Laub onboard.

XIII. STAFF REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Manager Simpson announced the first community workshop for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was well attended and also announced that on April 18th there will be a bicycle and walking tour of Concord. She further announced two small lot subdivisions will be coming before the Commission in the future.

XIV. COMMISSION REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Avila thanked Commissioner Obringer for her leadership as the Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Hoag also expressed his thanks to Commissioner Obringer. Commissioner Obringer expressed her thanks for the comments received and also reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which she is the Commission representative, had its first meeting on March 30th and outlined the upcoming scope of work.

XV. FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Planning Manager Simpson announced the next Planning Commission meeting will be May 6th and currently the Costco Fueling Facility Expansion is scheduled to be heard. Principal Planner Mogensen announced the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting will be April 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Permit Center Conference Room at City Hall.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Obringer moved to adjourn at 8:29 P.M. Commissioner Laub seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura J. Simpson".

Laura Simpson
Planning Commission Secretary
Planning Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grant Spilman".

Transcribed by Grant Spilman,
Administrative Coordinator