

SIERRA VISTA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Sierra Vista Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present: Ruben Miranda, Chair
 Dave Grieshop
 Bob Simon
 Patricia Olson
 John Barton
 David Thompson

Members Absent: Kevin Jorgenson, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Matt McLachlan, AICP, Director
 Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner
 Tina Moore, Planner

Council Present: Councilmember Craig Mount

Others Present: Joe Kraps
 Sharon Lake

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Simon made the motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson.

VOTE: Approved by a vote of 6-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

1. Mr. Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes of August 4, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grieshop.

VOTE: Approved by a vote of 6-0.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Mr. Miranda welcomed everyone to the Commission.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Miranda opened the meeting to the public. There being no response, Mr. Miranda closed the meeting to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion on City Code amendments to the Public Nuisance and Property Maintenance Codes.

Mr. McLachlan introduced the proposed code amendments to the Commission. He stated that the amendments are a result of strategic objectives from the City Council and their desire to increase and expedite the enforcement of the property maintenance and public nuisance codes. Further, he stated that the amendments consolidate related and overlapping provisions under one title and chapter in City code and help streamline the enforcement process.

The Commission discussed a number of issues associated with the amendments to include questions on the interest rates of liens, noise standards, construction deadlines, private vs. public improvements, and the definition of junk vehicles. Also discussed was the inclusion of language that requires builders to meet the manufacturer's standards of installation. Staff will provide answers and additional clarifications in response to the above stated questions. The Commission tabled this item for further discussion at the next meeting.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grieshop asked if the City could follow-up with Fort Huachuca and Cochise College regarding meeting the City's digital sign lighting standards. Mr. Pregler stated that the City cannot require that they meet the City standards, but would pass along the Code standards.

Mr. Simon requested additional discussion on communications towers.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pregler updated the Commission on various projects:

Salvation Army
Southwest Gas
Native Grill & Wings striping
Lawley Honda
The Works Car Wash

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Councilmember Mount stated that he is interested in the proposed amendments and was appreciative that the Commission will be continuing the discussion. He also encouraged the Commission to meet with the Council members should there be any issues that need to be addressed. Councilmember Mount will be meeting with state legislators in an attempt to remove legislation that currently limits local enforcement of public nuisance and property maintenance regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miranda adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Ruben Miranda
Chair
Planning & Zoning Commission

Matt McLachlan, AICP
Executive Secretary
Planning & Zoning Commission

Jeff Pregler
Recording Secretary