MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – October 24, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Planning Commission/Subdivision Committee met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Chair DeBolt presiding.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Commissioners: Chair DeBolt
Vice Chair Riley
Andrade, Grose, Loe (arrived late 7:15 pm) and Sofelkanik

Absent: Commissioner Cuilty

Staff: Les Johnson, Development Services Director
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary
Tom Oliver, Associate Planner

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair DeBolt.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION
Chair DeBolt opened the meeting for Oral Communication for items not on the agenda.

There being no speakers, Chair DeBolt closed the public hearing.

5. Approval of Minutes
A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2018
Motion/Second: Grose/Andrade
Carried 4/0 (DeBolt abstained, Cuilty and Loe absent): The Planning Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 26, 2018.

6. DISCUSSION
None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR
None.

8. STAFF REPORT
A. Planned Sign Program (PSP) 18-02
Signage for Laurel Park – 4012 Katella Avenue
Consideration of a Planned Sign Program for Laurel Park Plaza in accordance with the Los Alamitos Municipal Code.

Associate Planner Oliver summarized the staff report.

Chair DeBolt opened the public hearing.

President of Signage Solutions Chris, described the type of signage materials being used on the signs.

Commissioner Andrade expressed his appreciation for the signage.

Chair DeBolt complemented the overall renovation of the building.

Motion/Second: Andrade/Grose

9. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Consideration of a zoning code amendment concerning small wireless cellular installations (also referred to as small cell cites) within the City of Los Alamitos (Citywide) (City initiated).
Continued consideration of possible amendments to the zoning code concerning the location, standards, and general regulation of small wireless cellular installations within the City.

Associate Planner Oliver summarized the staff report.

Associate Planner Oliver summarized the Stakeholders meeting which took place in November.

The Planning Commission and Staff discussed the following about the Stakeholders Meeting:

- The meeting included 18 different representatives (i.e., Verizon and AT&T).
Based on federal regulations, the Planning Commission does not have much control over writing this ordinance.

This ordinance will focus on what will work for the City from an aesthetics standpoint.

Discussed the possibility that there might not be a huge potential for antennas, given the size and density of the City.

Create an environment where there is no attention drawn to these antennas by making them as stealth as possible.

The possibility of making it an administrative approval due to the federal shot-clock requirements.

Schedule a follow-up meeting with the Stakeholders group and Southern California Edison (SCE).

Continuing the item without a date certain to allow sufficient time to draft, discuss and re-notice.

City Attorney Daudt stated that the shot-clock requirements refer to the time limit for processing new applications. Additionally, the 180 days is a timeline for implementing written objective standards.

City Attorney Daudt stated that it would be best to have objective standards in place and published, as different aesthetic rules cannot be applied to different applications.

Associate Planner Oliver stated that in the interim, applications received for wireless antennas could continue to go through the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process.

The Planning Commission and Staff discussed not continuing the item to next month.

Motion/Second: Grose/Andrade
Carried 8/0 (Culty absent): motion to continue to an unspecified date.

10. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
Development Services Director Johnson provided the Planning Commission with the following updates:

- Coordination for an upcoming Zoning Code Update Study Session. Tentative dates include either November 13th or 15th.
- Cancellation of the December Planning Commission meeting.
- Provided a reminder to the Commissioners with expiring terms to submit the paperwork to re-file.

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS
Commissioner Grose provided a reminder of the Trunk-or-Treat event, taking place on Saturday, October 27th at 5:30pm at Little Cottonwood Park.

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Commissioner Loe asked and received the following updates from Staff about projects in the City:

- The hotel project has completed foundation work. At this time, they are working on their utility connections and undergrounding work.
- The Olson Company’s project [at 3131 Sausalito] cleanup is taking longer than expected as they had additional soil remediation to complete.
- The restaurant building [at 5252 Katella has pulled permits. Café Rio is pending lease confirmation; however, Starbucks is confirmed.
- The 4-unit Garnica project [at 10922 Walnut Street] broke ground this week.
- The former tire business at 11121 Los Alamitos Boulevard will likely become doctor office spaces.

Development Services Director Johnson advised of the following two projects possibly going before the Planning Commission in November:

- Los Alamitos Luxury Apartments
- Katella Deli: minor expansion with a substantial exterior modification.

Commissioner Grose stated that the Cardiology Center on Katella had an open house; the interior remodel turned out beautifully. Additionally, provided a reminder of the upcoming Los Alamitos Beautification Ceremony on November 5th.

Commissioner Riley stated that the Los Alamitos Boulevard project was very slow.

Associate Planner Oliver stated that Los Alamitos Boulevard was approved by City Council to go back to two lanes.

12. ADJOURNMENT
The Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Art DeBoit, Chair

Les Johnson, Secretary