



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Homeowner's Lounge, BTI

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlene Arneson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Charlene Arneson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Charlene Arneson	Seat A	Present
Terry Bender	Seat B	Present - Arrived at 7:10 pm
Ed Hedges	Seat C	Present
Walter Finke	Seat D	Present
Dyanna Pratt	Seat E	Present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

Dan Blair
Glo Chythlook
Dave Dickason
Ted Spencer

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the August 13, 2013 regular Meeting Agenda.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dyanna Pratt made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 9, 2013 as is.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION: None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager, Thomas Bolen, was not present for this meeting. Public Works Director, Scott Korbe, came in his stead. Scott stated that the City Manger apologized for not being able to attend this meeting. Scott reported that there isn't much going on around the city as far as developments. He has issued one water service connection at the harbor loop area. The school applied for a building permit for the new playground.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tank Farm

We are still waiting on D.O.D.

B. Land Trades with ARR

Tabled

C. Review of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Charlene stated that she spoke to Scott Nelsen, who is the State Planner, and was told that there were several things that needed to be updated. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will then be re-sent to FEMA for another review. We should be able to present it to the City Council for review in a couple of months.

D. Smitty's Cove Park

Charlene spoke to Jerry Vandergriff, a former City Council member, and was told that there is no other suitable location to move the underground water park, nor is there any other suitable location for the divers. Whittier has the only artificial reef in Alaska. NOAA and the children from the school helped to build it. This is the only location where the local people can swim, dive and fish. Charlene added that for years, she and Terry Bender's mother have been working on trying to make this become a park.

E. Zoning- Head of Passage Canal

Tabled

F. Review of Tideland Zoning

Tabled

G. Signage for Anton Anderson Tunnel Traffic Staging Area

Dyanna Pratt stated that Gordon Burton will look into this and get back with her.

H. Recommendation Projects for Commercial Vessel Passenger Fund Projects

See original chart in the clerk's folder. The chart lists the CVP projects nominations that citizens from the community have requested in order of importance to them. Scott Korbe reported that adding additional restrooms is in the procurement process. Charlene asked Scott about the benches. Scott replied that he's working on the pricing, but they should be in place in 2014. Charlene would like to eventually send the list to the City Council so that they can create their own priority list. The P&Z committee can only gather the information; the decisions will have to be made by the City Council.

Scott Korbe stated that City Manager, Thomas Bolen, has already gathered estimated costs for the current CVP project nominations list. There have been some CVP funds already allocated.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Charlene stated that she has something new to discuss, but will wait until Commission Comments to bring it up.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Dickason inquired about a city park and made the suggestion of creating a running track around the park. Charlene and Scott Korbe went into detail on the history of the park, adding that the school's park has been suitable for most families as the parents are able to keep a closer eye on their children from the Begich Towers Building.

Charlene added that the school is in the process of installing a new park for the children. Scott Korbe stated that the school applied for a land use permit for the construction of a 40x60 roof structure for the park. There was much discussion about the park from the commission members and public.

Dan Blair asked what has been brought to the City Council regarding Shotgun Cove Road. She replied that Title 15, 16 and 17 of the Whittier Municipal Code gives us all the information regarding the steps that Planning & Zoning has to do. She explained the process in detail.

Dan asked if the City has any jurisdiction over the roads at Shotgun Cove Road. Scott replied that the City has jurisdiction over the roads. Charlene added that posting is the best way to control traffic and parking.

Dan Blair asked for clarification on what areas are avalanche prone areas near the tunnel. Terry Bender and Charlene explained.

Glo Chythlook stated that she is interested in purchasing the Buckner Building. She has not had any luck in the past in getting in touch with anyone who was able to provide her with the information she needed. Glo added that she's interested in restoring the Buckner Building. Dyanna Pratt suggested that Glo contact Ted Spencer because he is also interested in restoring the building and having it listed as a historical building.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Terry Bender stated that she'd like to provide copies of old photographs and paperwork to the City and museum.

Charlene announced that the City has awarded a contract to Glenn Gray & Associates to restore Shakespeare Creek. We'll be working with Fish & Game, Fish & Wildlife, the Whittier Watershed, Glenn Gray & Associates and the City of Whittier.

11. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: September 10, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

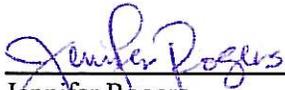
MOTION: Ed Hedges made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Terry Bender seconded the motion.

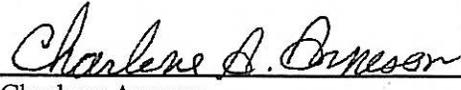
VOTE: Unanimous

12 . ADJOURNMENT: Charlene Arneson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers
Deputy City Clerk



Charlene Arneson
Commission Chairperson