



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the La Quinta Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson McCune.

PRESENT: Commissioners Bettencourt, Currie, Proctor, Quill, Wright and Chairperson McCune.

ABSENT: Commissioner Caldwell

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Manager Gabriel Perez, City Engineer Bryan McKinney, Senior Planner Cheri L. Flores, Associate Planner Carlos Flores, Commission Secretary Wanda Wise-Latta and Administrative Assistant Mirta Lerma

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the anniversary of 9/11.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bettencourt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – confirmed

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Planning Manager Gabriel Perez introduced Design and Development Director Danny Castro.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JULY 24, 2018

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Wright/Proctor to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

BUSINESS SESSION - None

STUDY SESSION

1. HIGHWAY 111 CORRIDOR STUDY

Senior Planner Cheri L. Flores presented the staff report, which is on file in the Design and Development Department.

Planning Commission discussed the 2015 Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitor's Bureau Visitor Survey regarding the La Quinta tourist parties retail expenditures; vacant land along Jefferson Street in Indio; housing; and inquired about shopping center owners' reactions to the Highway 111 Corridor Study.

Staff shared comments received from corridor property owners or their retail representatives.

Commission discussion continued about restrictions regarding entertainment establishments in certain shopping centers' CC&R's; economic viability of the Highway 111 Corridor; potential "retailtainment" use; CV Link; big box vacancies; pedestrian districts; landscaping; shade; and apartment housing.

Staff said that a Joint Study Session of the City Council and Planning Commission will be scheduled on October 2, 2018 to address the next stage of the Highway 111 Corridor visioning.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS - None

STAFF ITEMS

1. VILLAGE PARKING STUDY

Associate Planner Carlos Flores presented the staff report, which is on file in the Design and Development Department.

Several Planning Commissioners concurred that the parking surveys provided important data and monitoring should continue.

2. Staff suggested that future Planning Commission agendas include the opportunity for Commissioners to disclose ex parte conversations prior to public hearings.

3. Staff advised the Planning Commission that two public hearings will be scheduled for the September 25, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.


4. Staff updated the Planning Commission regarding the appeal of Conditional Use Permit 2018-0003 for a 65-foot monopalm cell tower and associated ground equipment

located east of Eisenhower Drive and Avenida Montezuma intersection in the La Quinta Community Park which was approved by the Planning Commission on July 24, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Proctor/Currie to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



WANDA WISE-LATTA, Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California

