

CITY OF KERMAN PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council Chambers 850 S. Madera Avenue, Kerman, CA 93630

Minutes Regular Meeting Monday June 23, 2014, 6:30pm

Call to Order – Vice-Chairman, Kevin Nehring, Called Meeting To Order at 6:33pm

Roll Call – Secretary, Olivia Pimentel

Commissioners-Present: Nehring, Kehler, Wettlehour, Melgoza, Harris,

Commissioners Absent, Epperson (unexcused), Bandy (unexcused)

Pledge of Allegiance – performed

Approval of Agenda – C/Melgoza, made a motion to approve as presented, second C/Harris, unanimously approved as presented. (5/2/0) (Bandy, Epperson absent)

1. Approval of Minutes C/Kehler made a motion to approve minutes of April 28, 2014 as presented, second C/Harris, unanimously approved as presented (5/2/0) (Bandy Epperson absent)

Request to Address Commission – None offered

2. Presentation(s) None Scheduled

3. Public Hearing(s) / Meeting(s) None Scheduled

4. Petitions, Resolutions None Scheduled

5. Administrative Reports

A. Proposed Kerman Inn Mural Project

Staff is soliciting input from the Planning Commission on the proposed Kerman Inn Mural Project. Artist Claudia Fletcher prepared a sketch of the Kerman Inn to be located on the building wall behind the Chamber of Commerce office facing the Sebastian parking lot. Parks & Recreation Director Philip Gallegos (Staff) presented a power point presentation on the concept.

Staff requested the Planning Commission's input and support for this mural project. There are several murals in town; staff noted that the murals on the north and south entrance to the City are on panels mounted to bill boards. The proposed mural is a 25' x 25', the wall is 73' x 24'. There will be room for future murals on the both sides of the mural. Staff gave the history of each mural. The first mural was painted directly on the wall of the old valley food center and is maintained as needed. C/Nehring, asked what the artist preferred, what was the best cost effective method, on panels or directly on wall. Staff noted that panels would be best primarily because the artist would be able to work on the mural in their studio and if for any reason the building is no longer available for the mural, the mural could be taken off and relocated

Note: C/Epperson, arrived at 6:40pm during presentation

C/Nehring inquired whether an agreement would be signed for an easement or lease? Staff said that could be done and would be if the Commission desired. Staff noted that the property owners of the proposed mural is Sebastian and they have been approached and are supportive of the mural. C/Epperson, recommended that a condition be placed that would allow the mural panels to be removed and replaced, if vandalized to allow for maintenance, etc C/Melgoza, spoke in support of

the mural that it was important to remember our history. There were no other comments the Commission was in unanimous support of the proposed mural.

B. Project Update

Staff gave a brief update of ongoing projects in Kerman. This is informational only.

. Communications

A. Commissioners Comments –

C/Epperson inquired of the lots purchased by Covington in tract 5329/5488, where there any conditions on the tract relating to design requirements. Staff noted that the zoning is a R1 zone district and the models were provided by the contractor, probably with no special conditions because it was not a smart development district; however staff would review the file.

C/Melgoza inquired about Katie's park, Philip Gallegos reported that there was a great turnout from all sections of the community, approximately 120 volunteers came out and planted 160 trees, cleaned weeds and by 10am were done., Next step would be to hydro seed the park, in 2 to 3 weeks with drought tolerant. Phase III would include the restroom, playground, benches, tables.

C/Nehring inquired how the weeds would be maintained in the park, staff said by spraying.

C/Kehler inquired about Whitesbridge/Vineland SEC, will the building be relocated, etc. staff reported that they have been in discussion with property owners, 10 ft of the building will be removed, so there will only be minimal construction. Staff has completed the approvals and acquisition.

C/Kehler inquired about the SOI if the City was waiting for LAFCo. Staff reported that the City has Discussed an option to request the entire SOI be approved but with 2 tiers, as has been done in other cities. Staff received some positive feedback from County staff. This will go before the City Council on July 2, 2014 to get authorization to formally request from Fresno County.

C/Nehring inquired about obsessive signage, that he brought up at last meeting if anything had been done? Staff reported that a lot of the signage was for political signs that now are being taken down. Staff will be working on amending the sign ordinance to bring back to the Commission

No other comments

Adjournment 7:15pm



Olivia G. Pimentel
Secretary to the Planning Commission