

ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

SUMMARY MINUTES

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013

II. Roll Call

All commissioners were present, with the exception of an absence by Commissioner Hall.

III. Consent Item(s) – Minutes of July 24, 2013

The minutes of July 24, 2013 were moved for approval by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen as submitted, and approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Item(s)

ITEM #1 PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CODE AMENDMENT CA 11-02 – APPLICANT, OC PLANNING SERVICES – LOCATION, UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ORANGE COUNTY – ALL DISTRICTS

Proposal to amend the County of Orange Zoning Code/Codified Ordinances regarding reasonable accommodation, emergency shelters/multi-service centers, supportive and transitional housing, and affordable housing incentives.

Recommended Action:

1. Receive staff report and public testimony as appropriate;
2. Find that Addendum No. IP12-010 and Negative Declaration IP 08-048, together (Attachment 7), satisfy the requirements of CEQA for the proposed project; and,
3. Recommend adoption of Zoning Code Amendment CA 11-02 by the Board of Supervisors.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

The motion for Item #1 was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to find that Addendum No. IP12-010 and Negative Declaration IP 08-048, together (Attachment 7), satisfy the requirements of CEQA for the proposed project; and to recommend adoption of Zoning Code Amendment CA 11-02 by the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVE

OTHER

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Unanimous (1) Nguyen: Y (2) Adams: Y (3) Secor: Y (4) Irons: Y (5) Hall: X

Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

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Special Notes: Ruby Maldonado, Manager of Advance Planning and Sustainable Development with the County of Orange, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission. There were no public speakers.

ITEM #2 PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S DENIAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION PA130011 – APPELLANT, DENNIS HORTON – LOCATION, 10922 CHERRY HILL LANE, SANTA ANA – THIRD DISTRICT

The appellant requests the Planning Commission overturn the Zoning Administrator’s denial of Planning Application PA130011 and approve the proposed Use Permit to legalize a nearly completed wall located on the front property line.

Recommended Action:

1. Receive staff report and public testimony as appropriate;
2. Make a finding that Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) states projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves are excluded from the requirements of CEQA; and,
3. Deny the appeal and uphold the Orange County Zoning Administrator’s denial of Planning Application PA130011.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

The motion for Item #2 was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Secor to continue the item to the September 11, 2013 meeting date, in order to provide an opportunity for the appellant to submit alternative wall designs to staff.

APPROVE

OTHER

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Unanimous (1) Nguyen: Y (2) Adams: Y (3) Secor: Y (4) Irons: Y (5) Hall: X

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Special Notes: Kevin Canning, Contract Planner with the County of Orange, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commissioners. Property owners Dennis and Debbie Horton also addressed the Commissioners and provided a presentation. There were no other public speakers.

V. Reports from OC Planning

- a) Upcoming Agenda Items

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August 28, 2013

Esperanza Hills Specific Plan: begin the process for initiating a Specific Plan for this proposed development, located within the Yorba Linda Sphere of Influence.

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Housing Element and GPA 12-01: an action will be requested to make a recommendation of adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

b) Reports on Recent Actions of the Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors approved a contract for vegetation removal for the area affected by the La Pata road extension. The timing of vegetation removal is important in order to comply with the Habitat Conservation Plan, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the U.S. Wildlife Services. They also selected the engineering firm to provide the construction management plan for the extension project.

The Board of Supervisors selected Bonterra Consulting to provide environmental analysis services for the affordable housing component of the Ranch development.

c) Major Decisions and Proposals of Staff

The Neighborhood Preservation team, led by Eric Hull, has been very active. Staff has recently received some positive feedback on their continued efforts, from the community.

Staff has received notice that the County will possibly receive some grant funding from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), to be utilized in updating the County of Orange Zoning Code.

d) Previous Commission or Commissioner Requests

None

e) Litigation

The District Court ruled against the County on the Saddlecrest development case (Saddleback Canyons Conservancy vs. the County of Orange). The developer is likely to appeal the case and will have to go before the Board of Supervisors.

Planning Commission Hearing adjourned at 3:07 p.m.