

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
PLANNING COMMISSION
February 21, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Chair Devon Austin
 Vice Chair Shannon Murphy
 Commissioner Tom Benson
 Commissioner Jane Fallon
 Commissioner Rose Richárd

Staff present:

- 1) Community Development Director Scott Charney
- 2) Senior Planner Colleen Doan
- 3) Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 4) Assistant City Attorney Elena Gerli
- 5) Senior Engineering Technician Anthony Caraveo

In addition, there were 3 people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Austin led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Site Plan and Design Review 17-01 – A Request for Expansion and Renovation of an Existing Honda Auto Dealership Located at 1500 E. Spring Street in the SP-4, Auto Center Specific Plan, Zoning District

Community Development Director Scott Charney read the form of notice and Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani gave the staff report. Staff noted that a new condition was added to the Conditions of Approval to include provisions of the sign program.

Chair Austin asked if the name of the dealership is Long Beach Honda. Staff confirmed that it is.

Chair Austin opened the public hearing.

The following member of the public spoke regarding the project:

- 1) Tony Kraatz, Long Beach Honda representative, introduced himself and noted that he is available to answer questions regarding the project.

Commissioner Benson asked for an overview of potential business growth that may come with the expansion and renovation of the dealership. Mr. Kraatz responded that business had tripled in volume due to inventory expansion and projected 15 percent growth in the future.

Commissioner Fallon inquired when the renovation is going to begin. Mr. Kraatz stated that he is hoping the project can start as early as April 1, 2017, and construction is estimated to last about eight months.

Commissioner Benson asked if there will be enough inventory space especially during construction. Mr. Kraatz stated that inventory space will be limited.

Commissioner Richárd complimented the color selection of the exterior facade.

There being no further public testimony, Chair Austin closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Benson and Chair Austin commended the quality of the proposed plans.

It was moved by Vice Chair Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to waive further reading and adopt the following resolution as recommended:

Assistant City Attorney Elena Gerli read the title of Resolution No. 800-02-17 (as amended):

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 17-01, A REQUEST FOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING HONDA AUTO DEALERSHIP LOCATED AT 1500 E. SPRING STREET IN THE SP-4, AUTO CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR AUSTIN; VICE CHAIR MURPHY; COMMISSIONERS BENSON, FALLON AND RICHÁRD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried 5/0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Follow-up to the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Chair Austin asked if an extra car was provided by the Police Department for this year's event. Staff responded that a larger census tract was divided into two this year to ensure the volunteers can complete their count in a timely manner. Staff noted that the Police Department has been supportive of the event, and also noted that the event was a great platform for the Police Department to reach out to the community.

Chair Austin and Commissioner Benson asked for further details about the event. Staff provided details and also a summary of the training attended on February 21, 2017 that was hosted by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).

Staff spoke about the challenge in communicating with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and obtaining access to volunteers information, and noted that these concerns were provided to the LAHSA representative on the night of the count.

Commissioner Benson inquired about PATH's resources and volunteers. Staff responded that with the help of the Veteran's Administration, LAHSA has been able to conduct the homeless count every year. Staff also provided a list of tools, such as the 2-1-1 hotline, PATH's hotline, the City website, and winter shelter information, which the regional cities have been utilizing to help the homeless.

Commissioner Fallon suggested disseminating information and resources about the homeless through the newspaper. Staff will follow up.

Vice Chair Murphy asked why Signal Hill is in Service Planning Area (SPA) 7, instead of SPA 8, like Long Beach. Staff explained that SPAs were determined by the County using the census tract but Signal Hill has been conducting the homeless count on the day of SPA 8 each year, because it falls on a Wednesday rather than a Tuesday.

The Commission received and filed the report.

b. Beautification Award Program

Senior Planner Colleen Doan gave the staff report.

Chair Austin nominated 3317 Cerritos Avenue for remodeling the exterior of the house.

It was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Benson to select 1790 E. Burnett Street and 2653 Walnut Avenue as the recipients of the 1st Quarter Beautification Award and 3317 Cerritos Avenue and 2199 E. Willow Street as the recipients of the 2nd Quarter Beautification Award.

The Commission will select 845 E. Willow Street and another residential property as the 3rd Quarter Beautification Award Recipients at a later meeting.

The motion carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Vice Chair Murphy to receive and file Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 5/0.

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson announced that the annual Casino Night, hosted by Signal Hill Historical Society, will be on Friday, February 24, 2017 7:00 p.m. at the Petroleum Club.

The Commission welcomed Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755. The regular meeting of the Planning Commission scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 has been moved in deference to the Mayor's Reception.

The motion carried 5/0.

Chair Austin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Devon Austin
Chair

Attest:



Scott Charney
Commission Secretary