

MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2016

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Hamerly, in the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chairman	Randall Hamerly
	Vice Chairman	John Gamboa
	Commissioners	Trang Huynh
		Marc Shaw
		Milton Sparks

Absent: None

Staff Present: Lawrence A. Mainez, Community Development Director
Kim Stater, Assistant Community Development Director
Tom Thornsley, Associate Planner
Brandy Littleton, Community Development Administrative Assistant III

2.0 ELECTION

2.1 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Community Development Director Mainez opened the nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Gamboa nominated Commissioner Hamerly for Chairman.

Commissioner Shaw seconded the nomination.

Chairman Hamerly was elected to Chairman with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Hamerly opened the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Sparks nominated Commissioner Gamboa for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Shaw seconded the nomination.

Vice Chairman Gamboa was elected to Vice Chairman with a 5-0 vote.

3.0 COMMUNITY INPUT

There was none.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

Vice Chairman Gamboa indicated a typo was made showing that the meeting started at 6:05 and ended at 6:07.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Gamboa, seconded by Member Trang to approve the minutes, as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

(It was determined that the times stated, are correct)

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP-015-004) for the Construction of a Forty-Six (46') Foot Tall, Unmanned Wireless Telecommunication Facility (Mono-Eucalyptus) and Associated Landscaping and Fence Equipment (Continued from January 5, 2016)

Commissioner Sparks requested to abstain from the item due to a financial conflict of interest with Verizon. Commissioner Shaw requested to abstain from the item due to a conflict of interest of being on the East Highlands Ranch Board of Directors.

(Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Sparks left the dais at 6:05 pm)

Associate Planner Thornsley presented the staff report.

Chairman Hamerly opened the Public Hearing.

Trisha Tilate, resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Juliene Amatrya, resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Larry Jacobson, resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Jason Palmer, resident, spoke in opposition of the item.

John Jaquess, resident, spoke in favor of the item.

James Rogers, SmartLink, representative for Verizon Wireless, answered questions regarding the project.

Chairman Hamerly closed the Public Hearing.

A MOTION was made by Chairman Hamerly, seconded by Vice Chairman Gamboa to:

1. Adopt Negative Declaration and direct Staff to file a Notice of Determination with the San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board, and;
2. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. ___ approving Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP 015-004), subject to the Conditions of Approval, and adopt the Findings of Fact.

Motion denied, 0-3, with Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Sparks abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Sparks returned to the dais at 7:20 pm.

5.2 Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP-015-003); a Request to Replace an Existing Mono-Pole Antenna with a Sixty-Five Foot (65') Tall Co-Locatable Wireless Telecommunication Tower to Serve Two Carriers (Continued from October 20, 2015)

Commissioner Sparks requested to abstain from the item due to a financial conflict of interest with Verizon.

(Commissioner Sparks left the dais at 7:22 pm.)

Associate Planner Thornsley presented the staff report.

Associate Planner Thornsley corrected Condition of Approval No. 4-B, to read 8' to 6', rather than 8' to 2'.

Chris Colton, Spectrum Services, representative to Verizon Wireless, answered questions regarding the staff report.

Directive

1. River rock pigmentation must match and/or blend with the soil and rock in the adjacent wash.

Chairman Hamerly closed the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Gamboa, seconded by Commissioner Huynh to:

1. Adopt Resolution 2016-001 approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP 015-003), subject to the Conditions of Approval, as amended, and adopting the Findings of Fact.

Motion carried, 4-0, with Member Sparks abstaining due to conflict of interest.

(Commissioner Sparks returned to the dais at 7:39 pm.)

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Urgency Ordinance and Municipal Code Amendment (MCA-16-001) – Amendments to the City’s Municipal Code to Expressively Prohibit the Cultivation of Medical Marijuana in all Zones in the City and Consistent with State Law Prohibit Mobile Medical Dispensaries and Delivery in the City

Community Development Director Mainez presented the Staff Report.

Chairman Hamerly asked for clarification on Item No. 3 adding that Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend the ordinance to the City Council.

Chairman Hamerly closed the Public Hearing.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Gamboa, seconded by Commissioner Sparks to approve the following actions:

1. Adopt a Notice of Exemption and Instruct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board; and
2. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2016-002 recommending the City Council adopt an Urgency Ordinance prohibiting the cultivation of medical marijuana in all zones of the City; and
3. Introduce for first reading an Ordinance, continuing the prohibition on cultivation and prohibiting mobile medical marijuana dispensaries and the delivery of marijuana and marijuana products in the City.

Motion carried, 5-0.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Associate Planner Stater updated the Planning Commission on the Harmony Specific Plan and related entitlement as well as the Mediterra Specific Plan.

Associate Planner Thornsley updated the Commission on an upcoming warehouse project.

8.0 ADJOURN

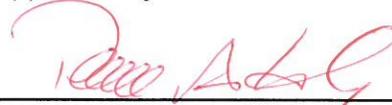
There being no further business, Chairman Hamerly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:



Brandy Littleton, Administrative Assistant III
Community Development Department

Approved by:



Randall Hamerly, Chairman
Planning Commission