

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015**

Vice Chair Whitten called the regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Planning Commission to order at 6:00p.m.

Commissioners present were Drozd, Evans, McHenry, and Vice Chair Whitten. Commissioner Bridenstine was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Whitten.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff recommended that item 2, Review of General Plan Implementation Strategies, be removed from the agenda and returned to the Planning Commission at a later date. The recommendation was made due to the fact that some supporting materials had not been included in the packet.

Commissioner Drozd moved to approve the agenda with Item 2 removed, and Commissioner McHenry seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Drozd, Evans, McHenry, Vice Chair Whitten
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES

A request that the Planning Commission approves as submitted the minutes of the meetings held on January 27 and February 10, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA

None

END PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION

Commissioner Whitten moved that the Planning Commission approve the consent agenda.

AYES: Commissioners Drozd, Evans, McHenry, Vice Chair Whitten

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. 2014 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress on its implementation. The report must then be filed with the State’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This annual review addresses the January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 time period.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission receives and files the 2014 General Plan Annual Report and forwards the report to the Town Council.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided the staff report. Staff stated that state law mandated a yearly General Plan Report, particularly as it addresses the housing element. Staff provided an overview of the reporting requirement and the content of the 2014 General Plan Report. Staff also noted that there was an addendum to the report, which was a newly mandated requirement addressing the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. Staff also noted that there was a change to the report on packet page 19. “Successor Agency” should have read “Housing Successor.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 1

None

END PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioners Drozd, Evans and McHenry had no questions about the report.

Commissioner Whitten asked staff if the APN numbers on page 2 of the addendum were the same as those identified in the housing report. Staff said that was correct and provided additional detail.

MOTION

Commissioner Drozd moved that the Planning Commission receive and file the 2014 General Plan Annual Report and forward the report to the Town Council. The motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Drozd, Evans, McHenry, Vice Chair Whitten
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. PRIVATE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The information is provided to update the Planning Commission on the status of private land development project applications.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission receives and files the report.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle provided the staff report, which provided an overview of the status of current private land development project applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 3

- None

END PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Evans asked for some additional information about SPR 01-13 Billings Rock and Sand, which was scheduled to appear before Planning Commission at the March 24th meeting. Staff provided some additional background on the project.

Commissioner Drozd asked staff how long tentative parcel maps stay active, given that some of the applications dated back to the early nineties. Staff said that most maps are good for 3 years but there are exclusions and special circumstances. Also the state can pass legislation which automatically extends the lifespan of tentative parcel maps. Staff tracks the expiration date for all track and parcel maps.

Commissioners McHenry and Whitten had no questions.

MOTION

Commissioner Whitten moved that the Planning Commission receive and file the presentation. Commissioner Evans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- AYES: Commissioners Drozd, Evans, McHenry, Vice Chair Whitten
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None

Vice Chair Whitten opened the floor to public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND REQUEST:

Commissioner Drozd thanked everyone for their hard work.

Commissioner Evans asks staff for more information about the AB1234 Ethics training as well as other opportunities for training. Staff provided the information and said that they are watching for additional training opportunities.

Commissioner McHenry said that the Planning Commissioner's Academy conference was enlightening and provided a lot of good information. He thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner Whitten thanked staff for their work. He also comment on the useful information provided by the Planning Commissioner's Academy conference and on the California League of Cities website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Brucker
Secretary

Approved by the Planning Commission on March 24, 2015.