

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 20, 2010

7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson B. Rizzo at 7:08 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice-Chairperson C. Casillas

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT: Chairperson Cono “Bud” Rizzo, Vice-chair Cathe Casillas, and Commissioner Julie Cuellar

ABSENT: Commissioners Antonio Lopez and Robert Montañez

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Paul Deibel, Senior Planner Fred Ramirez, Community Development Secretary Michelle De Santiago, Interim Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency Mary Strenn, and the Assistant to the City Administrator Brian Haworth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner J. Cuellar moved to approve the agenda of April 20, 2010. Seconded by Vice-chair C. Casillas, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: J. Cuellar, C. Casillas, and B. Rizzo

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Lopez and R. Montañez

ABSTAIN: None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

7A: 2010 Plan Amendments – Redevelopment Agency Project Areas 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, and 4 – City of San Fernando Redevelopment Agency – the proposed 2010 Amendments to the Redevelopment Plans for Project Area 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, and 4 and the draft Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Merged Project Area (“Amended Plan”) prepared in connection with the 2010 Amendments conforms to the City’s General Plan.

Staff Presentation

P. Deibel gave the staff presentation recommending that the Planning and Preservation Commission find:

1. That the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Merged Project Areas proposed in connection 2010 Amendments conforms to the City’s General Plan; and

2. Recommending approval and adoption of the Amended Plan by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Fernando and the San Fernando City Council; and
3. Recommend that the Agency adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed 2010 Amendments; and
4. Authorize transmittal of the Resolution to the Agency and City Council

P. Deibel asked if the commission wished that he could go through the staff report item by item basis.

Public Testimony

None

Commission Discussion

J. Cuellar asked if staff would go over the staff report.

P. Deibel started by discussing the resolution language that is italicized.

J. Cuellar asked if the information being explained is the same information that was shared over the phone.

P. Deibel explained that is was.

J. Cuellar stated that she understood what was explained to her earlier and that there was no need to review the information again.

P. Deibel continued to highlight the changes to the plan amendments.

C. Casillas asked regarding the number of dwelling units identified in the plan amendment if the number was the total allowed in the merged area or what is left to be built.

P. Deibel explained that it includes existing plus additional units that could be built based on the City General Plan.

C. Casillas asked how you can control the possibility of over saturation of buildings in a certain area.

F. Ramirez explained that the cumulative development that is allowed is based on the development standards for every applicable zoning district. He stated that in order to place a limitation on density would require a General Plan Amendment which could trigger implications under State Housing Laws.

C. Casillas asked what the need for the language in Section 3 of the Planning and Preservation Commission Resolution No. 2010-03 with reference to Government Code Section 65402 was included.

P. Deibel stated that it is a reference to the state statutes that outlines the steps of the process for adoption of amendments to project plan or redevelopment areas. The section is a reference to the authority for the Planning Commission to be involved in the process, which is taken directly from the government code. Additionally, he stated that the document (resolution) was drafted by the city attorney.

Subsequent to discussion, Vice-chair C. Casillas moved to find that:

1. The proposed 2010 Amendments to the Redevelopment Plans for Project Area 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, and 4 and the draft Amended Redevelopment Plan for the Merged Project Area (“Amended Plan”) prepared in connection with the 2010 Amendments conforms to the City’s General Plan;
2. Recommending approval and adoption of the Amended Plan by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Fernando (“Agency”) and the San Fernando City Council (“City Council”);
3. Recommending that the Agency adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed 2010 Amendments; and
4. Authorizing transmittal of the Resolution to the Agency and City Council.

Seconded by Commissioner J. Cuellar, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	C. Casillas, J. Cuellar, and B. Rizzo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	A. Lopez and R. Montañez
ABSTAIN:	None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice-chair C. Casillas mentioned that she would be on vacation for the August Planning and Preservation Commission Meeting. Additionally, she stated that the dips and or sink holes on Mountain View were a result of work that was being done by the Gas Company.

J. Cuellar asked if code enforcement would look into the advertisement that is being done on Fifth Street and Maclay Avenue at the coke machine right outside of the Pizza Hut.

Chairperson C. Rizzo stated that it may be due to the economic times, but that he sees a lot of people living out of their cars. He asked if there was anything in the code.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner J. Cuellar moved to adjourn to May 4, 2010. Second by Vice-chair Cathe Casillas, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	J. Cuellar, C. Casillas, and C. Rizzo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	A. Lopez and R. Montañez
ABSTAIN:	None

8:07 P.M.

PAUL DEIBEL

Planning Commission Secretary