

# CITY OF SAN DIMAS PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
270 South Walnut Avenue  
Sheriff's Community Meeting Room

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## **Present**

Chairman Jim Schoonover  
Commissioner David Bratt  
Commissioner John Davis  
Commissioner Stephen Ensberg  
Commissioner M. Yunus Rahi  
Assist. City Manager Community Dev. Larry Stevens  
Associate Planner Marco Espinoza  
Planning Commission Secretary Jan Sutton

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Schoonover called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and Commissioner Bratt led the flag salute.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2010 (Bratt absent)  
February 2, 2011

**MOTION:** Moved by Davis, seconded by Ensberg to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2010. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 (Bratt abstained).

**MOTION:** Moved by Bratt, seconded by Davis to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2011. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **2. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SIGN FORUM**

**Assistant City Manager of Community Development Larry Stevens** stated at the Council Retreat held last fall, the Council discussed feedback they had received regarding commercial and temporary signs, most likely in response to increased code enforcement. The last time a comprehensive update was made to the Sign Ordinance was in 1999, and the Council felt that before undertaking a major review of the code, a forum should be held to receive input from community members on what they felt the issues were, and nominated the Planning

Commission to host the forum. He stated in the agenda packet was a chart of the regulations in the commercial areas. They were considering mid-March for the forum, which would allow time to get it advertised in the Community News, the Chamber newsletter, the website, and possibly the Frontier newsletter, though the deadline for submittal for that may have passed.

The Commission concurred that it would be best to hold the meeting the night of a regularly scheduled meeting, and set the forum for March 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**Assistant City Manager Stevens** stated if necessary they could extend the forum into the regular meeting time, or the Commission can decide to hold a second forum during the day if there seems to be enough interest. He reiterated the purpose was not for Staff to make a long presentation or recommendations, but to receive input that can be compiled for analysis, with findings brought back for the Commission and Council to consider. He stated some of the issues that may be raised might center around regulations on temporary banners, freestanding signs, leasing signs in commercial areas and video boards.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

#### **3. Director of Development Services**

##### **a. Update on Gold Line Extension**

**Assistant City Manager Larry Stevens** handed out maps that showed the proposed route of the Gold Line, and stated the Authority currently has funding from Measure R to extend the line from Sierra Madre to Azusa, which should take approximately three years to construct. They are currently seeking funding for Phase 2B to extend the line from Azusa to Montclair, and because the original EIR is now six years old and outdated, there will need to be a new EIR/EIS prepared.

The Authority held a community meeting on January 20, 2011 in San Dimas for preliminary environmental input, and the City provided a comment letter regarding the station site selection which would be located east of Grove Station and a maximum cap of 400 parking spaces. The authority will be keeping those constraints in their modeling. The other concern is with the crossing at Bonita/Cataract. There are utilities located there that will make it extremely difficult to go underground. While the freight line will remain similar to its current construction, there is a possibility for a fly-over for the Gold Line because of the configuration of the intersection and the difficulty with placing crossing arms. The current schedule is to work on the EIR through the end of 2011, and then submit to the Federal transit agency in early 2012 for the EIS. Staff is working with the Authority on a station site, and that a tentative workshop will be held in late March with notification sent to surrounding property owners in regards to that. However, it appears that funding for this phase may not occur until 2035.

#### **4. Members of the Audience**

No communications were made.

#### **5. Planning Commission**

No communications were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ensberg, seconded by Bratt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to the regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

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James Schoonover, Chairman  
San Dimas Planning Commission

ATTEST:

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Jan Sutton, Planning Commission Secretary

Approved: April 6, 2011