



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Homeowner's Lounge, BTI Bldg.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlene Arneson called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Charlene Arneson	Seat A	Present
Terry Bender	Seat B	Present
Ed Hedges	Seat C	Present
Jean Swingle	Seat D	Present
Dyanna Pratt	Seat E	Absent

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

City Manager, Mark Lynch

Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Terry Bender made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda.

SECOND: Jean Swingle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2014.

SECOND: Jean Swingle seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION: None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager, Mark Lynch, introduced himself to the Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. NON-ACTION BUSINESS:

Though there were no updates to report on the following topics, Charlene Arneson gave a brief update of each topic to new city manager Mark Lynch.

A. Tank Farm

B. Land Trades with Alaska Railroad

C. Hazard Mitigation Plan

D. Smitty's Cove Park

E. Whittier Historic Railroad Plaza

F. Tideland Zoning

G. CVP Fund Projects

H. Shotgun Cove Land

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Jean Swingle stated that there is a signage problem at the harbor parking. Possibly 10 - 20 people come to the harbor office each day stating they didn't see any signs, but are getting ticketed. Jean added that this problem makes us an unfriendly visiting place. She went on to say that there is one big sign to the right as you enter the town, but everyone is looking at the ocean and boats to the left.

Ed Hedges replied that this topic should be addressed at the Ports & Harbor meeting. Jean asked Ed to bring this up at the next Ports & Harbor meeting. Charlene stated that we can ask City Manager, Mark Lynch to look into this.

Terry Bender added that we also need a sign and a drop box at Smitty's Cove. Someone broke into the box last summer and it hasn't been repaired. Charlene also requested that Mark Lynch look into this and report to the Ports & Harbor then the commission members can make recommendations to the harbormaster, city manager or City Council.

Jean Swingle added that the problem is worse than people imagine; not only is the City losing revenue, but people are lost, confused and getting ticketed. Charlene added that the same thing is happening at the BTI; they're giving tickets to people who don't realize the rules and regulations and booting vehicles. She said that someone came to her and asked if Planning & Zoning can take care of this. She replied it's not a Planning & Zoning issue; BTI is private land. She recommended that the person address the issue to the BTI board.

Charlene asked Mark Lynch to weigh in on how he would handle the problem. He replied that he would talk to the Public Works Director and Police Chief and ask them if they have more signs they can put up. Ed Hedges added that parking there is handled by the harbor staff and the rest of the signs around town are maintained by the public works department. There was further discussion among the members regarding the parking problems at the harbor.

12. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

None

13. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: September 9, 2014 @ 7:15 pm

MOTION: Terry Bender made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Ed Hedges seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

14. ADJOURNMENT: Charlene Arneson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Rogers
Deputy City Clerk

Charlene Arneson
Commission Chairperson