

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
7100 GARFIELD AVENUE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order in City Hall Council Chambers by Chairperson Rivera at 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Associate Planner, Hailes Soto gave the invocation.

Planning Secretary, Erika Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Hernandez, Vice-Chairperson Carrillo and Chairperson Rivera.

Absent: Commissioner Leon

Staff Present: John W. Lam, Assistant City Attorney, Hailes Soto, Associate Planner, Erika Gutierrez, Planning Secretary and Samantha Lubrani, Translator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Rivera asked for a motion on the minutes of July 18, 2018. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Carrillo and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

With no one wishing to speak, Chairperson Rivera closed public comment.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Planning Commission**

1. **Twelve Month Extension of Site Plan Review and Variance No. 2017-021  
5734 Fostoria Street (File No. 2017-021)**

Mr. Soto gave the presentation on the twelve month extension of Site Plan Review and Variance No. 2017-021.

Chairperson Rivera asked the Commission if there were any comments for staff on the Public Hearing Item.

With no questions from the Commission, Chairperson Rivera opened the public hearing.

With no one wishing to speak and no comments from the Commission, Chairperson Rivera closed the public hearing item and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Carrillo and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the twelve month extension and modification of Site Plan Review No. 2017-022 and Variance No. 2017-022. Motion carried by a 4-0.

**2. Lease of City-Owned Property  
No Situs (Portion of Public Right of Way Adjacent to 710  
Freeway and Clara Street Frontage Road and Recommend  
Approval of Proposed Electronic Billboard  
(File No. 2018-071)**

Mr. Avalos gave the presentation on the approval of the proposed electronic billboard.

Chairperson Rivera asked the Commission if there were any comments for staff on the Public Hearing Item.

Chairperson Rivera asked for clarification on the brightness of the billboard lightning.

Chairperson Rivera opened the public hearing.

Mr. Scott Sheldon, City consultant on behalf of Tierra Realty Advisors approached the podium giving clarification on the LED board lighting regulations and also stated that the billboard would have sensors that would regulate the light intensity depending on the time of day.

Mr. Tim Fox representing Outfront Media, approached the podium stating he was available to answer any further questions regarding the billboard that the Commissioners had.

With no one else wishing to speak and no further comments from the Commission, Chairperson Rivera closed the public hearing item and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Carrillo and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the proposed electronic billboard. Motion carried by a 3-0.

**B. Substandard Properties – None**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

**STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Avalos advised the Commission that staff would like to have a Special Planning Commission meeting on November 7, 2018 in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled for November 21, 2018 to discuss a time sensitive item. Mr. Avalos further stated that he was checking on the Commissions availability on that date.

The Commissioners indicated not having a schedule conflict on the date proposed by staff for the Special Planning Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**

  
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ERIKA GUTIERREZ, PLANNING SECRETARY

