



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

MONDAY, May 4, 2015

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Flodine called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Schaible led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll:

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: FLODINE, JONES, KILDOO, MAAS, MINNERY, NORRIS, SCHABILE

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS IN AUDIENCE: JACOBY

ABSENT: PENNOCK

Also present were: Planning Division Director, Jerry Backoff; Deputy City Attorney, Avneet Sidhu; Office Specialist III, Lisa Kiss

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, 3/16/15

Action:

COMMISSIONER KILDOO MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE WITH SCHABILE ABSTAINING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AGENDA ITEM
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2. **Case No:** P14-0055: CUP 14-017

Application of: Dan Settle, dba: Angel Paws Pet Aftercare

Request: Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an existing pet cremation facility within an industrial park in the Industrial/Business Park (I/BP) Transitional Zone.

Location of Property: 120 N. Pacific Street, Suite C-4, more particularly described as: Unit C-4 and Undivided Interest per Doc. 98-746760 of Lot 3 of Block 103, Rancho Los Vallecitos de San Marcos. Assessor's Parcel No.: 219-116-03-15.

Staff Presentation (Jerry Backoff):

Described request and location. PowerPoint presentation shown. Operates in a 1,600 s.f. suite in the Pioneer Industrial Park. Original CUP approved by Planning Commission in '05 has expired. New business name and no expansion is planned. Property is zoned Industrial/Business Park, a transitional zone and designated "Business Park." In '05, crematories were an allowable use in "I" zone with approval of Major CUP. Under new '12 Zoning Ordinance, a crematory is no longer an identified use in any zone. The Director has the authority to determine whether a land use may be permitted within a zone and whether a CUP may be required. Business has been operating for 10 years and is compatible with other users. Approval of a Major CUP is required to allow the facility to continue to operate. No comments were received from the public. No Code Enforcement other than a Notice of Violation issued in '14 to obtain a City Business License, which has now been done. They're limited to cremation of household pets. No horses or other large animals. Deceased pets are primarily picked up from vet hospitals and households and stored in the freezer until cremated. A specialized cremation oven is used which does not emit odors or smoke. They must maintain a valid APCD permit. Staff recommends approval.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Dan Settle, Applicant: Completed speaker slip in case anyone had questions.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Kildoo: Commented that he was at the hearing for the first CUP. There's obviously a need for the service and with no complaints or problems, the renewal makes sense.

Action:

COMMISSIONER KILDOO MOVED TO APPROVE CUP 14-017 AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION PC 15-4469; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NORRIS AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONIC VOTE:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS: FLODINE, JONES, KILDOO, MAAS, MINNERY, NORRIS, SCHAIBLE
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS: NONE

PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Backoff: Announced that he's retiring and this would be his last Planning Commission hearing.



Kildoo: Inquired if a successor had been named and when the last day would be?

Norris: Commented that he was supposed to give them some heads up.

Backoff: No, Monday is last day. He didn't want to announce it in advance. Would like it to be smooth and without fanfare. Remembers working with many Commissioner's over the years and have enjoyed working with each of you. It has been memorable. Hopes the City continues to grow in a good way.

Kildoo: Commented that he's not ready for this. He's worked with Jerry a long time. Jerry has left his mark on the City and has been one of the stable influences on how the growth of the City evolved. It's one of the best looking cities because of him and he should walk away feeling like he's made a huge difference.

Maas: Commented that whoever fills his spot has big shoes to fill and he's concerned about the future of the City without him here. Jerry runs the show.

Flodine: Jerry has always been fair and very approachable. He's always open to dialogue and discussion with interest groups and parties on any side of an issue. It brings out the best in projects. Kudos to him for that personality trait and how it's translated into quality projects for the City. Thanked him for his service.

Schaible: Asked how many years? Thanked Jerry for the coaching over the past 30 years as he served on the Commission off & on. Jerry's a solid staff member who's always been there, while others came and went.

Kildoo: The City staff had a continuity and people who grew with it as it became big and great. Jerry is one of the last ones left. We'll miss him and all that he represents.

Backoff: Thanked Commissioner's, appreciate the comments. Commented that it's hard to transition and he'll miss it also.

Kildoo: Commented that they'll always remember Jerry and all that was accomplished during his time.

Norris: Agreed. Appreciates everything and he'll miss discussing the campus projects with him. Feels he has grown a lot being on the Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Backoff: Discussed the PC Academy 2015 in Newport Beach that he attended with Flodine, Norris and Jones. Each Commissioner will discuss the sessions they went to. Hot topics included: 1). Massage, 2). Houses being used as hotels. It's more of a problem in beach cities. There are five in San Marcos that the City wasn't aware of, 3). Streamlined government, CEQA. PowerPoints are provided via the link shown.

Jones: Indicated it was his first time to attend and he felt it was worth the time spent and better then he thought it would be. It was also an opportunity to meet other City's staff and Commissioner's. Two



most valuable sessions to him were CEQA, the Basics, and What You Need to Read. There's so much to read in environmental documents, so it helped with what to read first, etc. Recommended other Commissioner's attend in the future.

Norris: Enjoyed the CEQA classes. Reading EIR's are critical to any project. There are ways to go through them and break them down. They can be overwhelming. Go to the summary first. He also enjoyed meeting other Commissioner's. They were from all over the state this time. He discussed water problems with a Solvang Commissioner. They have no water there and they're drilling through bedrock. The water shortages will keep happening and everyone needs to put more value on it. It will go on for years. There were a lot of good breakout sessions. Everything we do, even in the off-time is on social media, so have to be careful what you put out there. The Wildfire Planning session was interesting. It mentioned a project in LA area that didn't get approved because it backed to potential wildfire area. There must be more than one way to get people in & out.

Flodine: It was a two-day conference with lots of information. It was even-balanced, with more theoretical and policy oriented and more case studies. He felt the Complete Streets and Wildfire Planning sessions were very good.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Flodine adjourned the meeting.

ERIC FLODINE, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

LISA KISS, OFFICE SPECIALIST III
SAN MARCOS PLANNING COMMISSION