



Action Minutes

CITY OF COLUSA PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY October 24, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

425 Webster Street, City Hall (530) 458-4740

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

The regular meeting of the Colusa Planning Commission was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson Mickey Settlemire with the following in attendance:

Commissioners Present: Ken Flagor, Mike Herrick, and Chairman Mickey Settlemire.

Commissioners Absent: Richard Selover, Jim White

Staff Present: Markus Lang, Assistant Planner; Randy Johnsen, Interim City Manager; and Cathy Higgins, Administrative Secretary.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar may be removed and discussed at the request of any Commission member.

Action Minutes: Herrick made a motion to accept minutes of April 25, 2007, which was seconded by Flagor. Motion passed 3-0.

August 22, 2007 and September 26, 2007, minutes to be considered and approved at the next Planning Commission meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments made.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENNANT ESTATES SUBDIVISION MAP EXTENSION

Lang presented staff report for project to Commissioners. Chairman Settlemire asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the project. Resident Marian Boyes spoke, saying she does not oppose the subdivision but is concerned about the proposed stormwater drainage. Boyes lives in Walnut Ranch. Boyes said the residents of Walnut Ranch have problems with water and sewer services and said that she has come to the City asking questions and feels she has been ignored. Ms. Boyes said that the City wants to run stormwater drainage from Tennant Estates through Walnut Ranch, but does not want Walnut Ranch to be part of the City. Boyes said that some residents of Walnut Ranch were not notified of public meetings for this project two years ago, and they did not have the opportunity to speak their opinion. Settlemire asked Boyes for clarification regarding the meeting notification two years ago and she said that some residents in the project area never received notice. Settlemire said they understand her concern, but at this point and time, unless there is a conflict with one of the findings in the resolution under consideration, the Commission must approve the extension with no changes to the project. Boyes said drainage is a major issue out there and stated that water has been up to the front doors during past winter storms, and that was without any more streets and drainage in the area. During the storm, Mr. LaGrande and Jim Urgman got agriculture pumps to pump the water out of the area. Settlemire stated that the Tennant Estates project would not put more water in the Walnut Ranch area, and is expected to actually improve the drainage system overall.

Lang said he reviewed the minutes from the 2005 meeting as they pertain to drainage from the project site and into the Walnut Ranch area. The drainage of this project will not produce any additional drainage into the Walnut Ranch area and the City Engineer will review and approve drainage prior to approval of the Improvement Plans. Settlemire said he hopes this will help their problem with drainage out there. Herrick said we are not here to change the existing plan, only to consider extension of the map. The plan has already been approved and the existing plan will not change.

Walnut Ranch resident, Dick Marvel, commented that he has no opposition to the project as approved, but he wanted to attend to ensure that approval of the extension would result in no changes.

Settlemire invited the project applicant, Ira Bennett, to respond to citizen comments. Mr. Bennett stated that drainage is still being worked out with the City Engineer and that this is a very important project consideration that must be worked out.

Commissioner Flagor motioned to extend the expiration date for 18 months and was seconded by Commissioner Herrick. Motion carried 3-0, with Selover and White absent.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS

Lang said there are no projects for the November meeting at this time. The Final MEIR for the General Plan update is available for download from the City's website.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Settlemire adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Higgins, Planning Secretary