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# MINUTES

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

### August 26, 2013

*The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Anthony SOTTILE, Chairman  
Star BALES  
Paul CIRCO, Vice Chairman  
Adel DANKHA  
Darrin J. MROZ

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manjeet RANU, Planning Manager / Planning  
Commission Secretary  
Michael REID, Assistant City Attorney  
Michael GRIFFITHS, Deputy Director – Public Works  
Patricia HAMILTON, Secretary

SOTTILE explained the mission of the Planning Commission.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion was made by BALES, seconded by CIRCO, to adopt the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of August 12, 2013; carried 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

##### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – FOOTHILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLAYGROUND AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1408**

This is a public hearing on a request to install children's play structure and exterior building upgrades. The subject property is addressed as 280 and 350 Cypress lane and 315 and 365 West Bradley Avenue. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In a PowerPoint presentation, RANU summarized the staff report.

SOTTILE opened the public hearing and invited any speakers to the podium.

Mark BAKER, architect for the project, was in the audience to answer any questions. He advised the Commissioners that the applicant did agree with all conditions of approval.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by BALES, to close the public hearing; carried 5-0.

DANKHA said it is a good project, especially for the younger generation and families in the area.

BALES added it is a beautiful project, a clean and relaxing environment.

MROZ also supported the project with its great looking façade and was glad to see that a wall and fence are to be constructed. This should eliminate the gathering place in the bushes by transients and make it a safer place for the children.

CIRCO liked the added façade feature and felt it will take away the industrial look of the building. He also was glad to see that a cover would be added over the playground area.

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by BALES, to adopt the proposed Resolution No. 10737 granting Amendment of Conditional Use Permit No. 1408, subject to conditions; carried 5-0.

The appeal for this item ends at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 5, 2013.

## **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

RANU advised that the next meeting would be September 23, 2013. He added the City also has a new Assistant City Manager, Majed Al-Ghafry, and invited the Commissioners to attend the reception to be held August 27, 2013, at City Hall.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

BALES mentioned that trolley riders passing through the industrial area before the Marshall Street stop are exposed to a poor image of El Cajon, and solicited ideas on how to improve the area.

MROZ added the new BMW site will improve the area and that many of the properties have been family owned for years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by CIRCO, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at p.m. this 26th day of August, 2013 until September 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.; carried 5-0.

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Anthony SOTTILE, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Manjeet RANU, AICP, Secretary