



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
THE PLANNING COMMISSION
January 4, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ramuno called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Buckley Weber

3. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Phil Ramuno, Vice Chair Stephen Rishoff, Commissioner Illece Buckley Weber, Commissioner Curtis Zacuto, and Commissioner John O'Meara.

Also present were Assistant Community Development Director Doug Hooper, Associate Planner Valerie Darbouze, Planning Technician Britteny Tang, Senior Civil Engineer Jay Patel, Oak Tree/Landscape Consultant Kay Greeley, and Recording Secretary Sheila Schrupp.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 7, 2006 Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner O'Meara, seconded by Vice Chair Rishoff, the Planning Commission moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2006 Planning Commission meeting based on corrections made on Item 4. Motion carried 4-0. (Commissioner Zacuto abstained).

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

On a motion by Commissioner Buckley Weber, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara, the Planning Commission moved to appoint Vice Chair Rishoff as Chairperson for the 2007 calendar year. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Vice Chair Rishoff abstained).

On a motion by Commissioner O'Meara, seconded by Commissioner Buckley Weber, the Planning Commission moved to appoint Commissioner Zacuto as Vice Chairperson for the 2007 calendar year. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Zacuto abstained).

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

None

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

None

8. NEW PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICANT:

Laura La Plante, LLC
18850 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 130
Tarzana, CA 91356

CASE NOS.:

05-CUP-002, 05-OTP-015, & 05-VAR-003

LOCATION:

West of 28207 Laura La Plante Drive
(A.P.N. 2061-016-063 & 072)

REQUEST:

Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 3,400 square-foot residence and a 580 square-foot free-standing, three car garage; a request for an Oak Tree Permit to remove 20 oak trees and encroach within the protected zone of 3 oak trees for the proposed construction; and a request for a Variance from Zoning Ordinance Sections 9605.8 (patio) and 9606.2.A. (wall height) to build a patio cover in the front yard reducing the required setback from 25 to 19 feet; and to construct retaining walls in excess of 3.5 feet in height in the front yard area.

ENVIRONMENTAL
DETERMINATION:

Exempt from CEQA

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommended the Planning Commission adopt motion to approve Conditional Use Permit Case No. 05-CUP-002, Variance Request Case No. 05-VAR-003, and Oak Tree Permit Case No. 05-OTP-015, subject to conditions, based on the findings of the Draft Resolutions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chair Rishoff opened the Public Hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of the item.

Tsvetana Yvanova, Woodland Hills, applicant.

Robert W. Wallace, Simi Valley, Oak Tree Specialist for applicant.

The following person spoke in opposition of the item.

Tyler Cressler, Agoura Hills.

RECESS: Chair Rishoff called for a recess at 8:30 p.m.

RECONVENE: Chair Rishoff reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ACTION: On a motion by Commissioner O'Meara, seconded by Commissioner Ramuno, the Planning Commission moved to continue Conditional Use Permit Case No. 05-CUP-002, Variance Case No. 05-VAR-003, and Oak Tree Permit Case No. 05-OTP-015, to the February 1, 2007 meeting. Motioned carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. APPLICANT: Employers Direct Insurance Company
30301 Agoura Road
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

CASE NO.: 06-SP-050

LOCATION: 30301 Agoura Road

REQUEST: Request for approval of a Sign Permit to amend an existing sign program and install a new illuminated, 50 square foot, wall-mounted sign.

ENVIRONMENTAL
DETERMINATION: Exempt from CEQA per Section 15301 (e) and (g)

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommended the Planning Commission adopt a motion to approve Sign Permit Case No. 06-SP-050, subject to Conditions, based on findings of the draft Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chair Rishoff opened the Public Hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of the item.

June Duxler, Agoura Hills, representative for applicant.

Mimi Sheean, Beverly Hills, representative for applicant.

ACTION: On a motion by Commissioner Ramuno, seconded by Vice Chair Zacuto, the Planning Commission moved to adopt Resolution No. 896, approving Sign Permit Case No. 06-SP-050 subject to amended conditions. Motion carried 5-0.

B. ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2007

On a motion by Commissioner Ramuno, seconded Vice Chair Zacuto, the Planning Commission moved to adopt the Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2007. Motion carried 5-0.

C. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2007

On a motion by Vice Chair Zacuto, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara, the Planning Commission moved to appoint Commission Buckley Weber to serve on the Art in Public Places Committee for the 2007 calendar year. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Buckley Weber abstained).

On a motion by Commissioner Buckley Weber, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara, the Planning Commission moved to appoint Commissioner Ramuno and Vice Chair Zacuto to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee for the 2007 calendar year. Motioned carried 3-0-2 (Vice Chair Zacuto and Commissioner Ramuno abstained).

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Commission: Chair Rishoff and Commissioner O'Meara stated they will not be attending the January 18, 2007 Planning Commission meeting.

Chair Rishoff thanked Commissioner Ramuno for his years of Service on the Planning Commission.

Staff: Assistant Community Development Director Doug Hooper congratulated Chair Rishoff and Vice Chair Zacuto for their appointments in the 2007 calendar year and he thanked Commissioner Ramuno for his previous years of serving as Chair of the Planning Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:50 p.m., on a motion by Vice Chair Zacuto, seconded by Commissioner Buckley Weber, the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting on January 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.