

**Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on  
April 6, 2011**

Commissioner Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Eddie Carvajal, and Veronica Lopez; Absent: Chairperson Avygail Sanchez. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

*Chairperson Sanchez arrived to the meeting and took her seat at 6:33 p.m.*

Chairperson Sanchez read a letter addressed to the Huntington Park City Council announcing her resignation from the Planning Commission effective immediately. Ms. Sanchez stated that as of March 31, 2011, she no longer resides in the City of Huntington Park making her ineligible to continue serving the City. Ms. Sanchez thanked the Commission and staff and expressed her best wishes for the City of Huntington Park.

**Reorganization of the Planning Commission**

Commissioner Lopez called for nominations for Planning Commission Chair.

Commissioner Carvajal nominated Commissioner Benitez for Chairman. Commissioner Lopez seconded and by unanimous vote, Commissioner Benitez was elected Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Benitez nominated Commissioner Lopez for Vice Chair. By unanimous vote, Commissioner Lopez was elected Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Vice Chair Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Carvajal, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011 as presented. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Carvajal and Chairman Benitez; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: Vice Chair Lopez.

**Public Appearances**

None.

**Continued Public Hearings**

None.

**Public Hearings**

None.

**New Business**

A. CASE NO. 1929-ENV: Consideration of a resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of a Negative Declaration (Environmental Assessment) associated with the vacation of a portion of 65<sup>th</sup> Street between Alameda Street and Wilson Avenue, and for consideration of consistency with the City’s General Plan.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia reviewed staff’s report, and stated that the approximate area of 15,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. of the proposed vacation would provide additional land to the adjacent property owner, facilitating future development of the subject property. Mr. Garcia added that the proposed vacation would not add significant traffic volume to the adjacent streets nor create hazards resulting from a design feature. Mr. Garcia stated that staff had received comments from the City’s Water Department requesting that waterlines be rerouted. In addition, the proposed vacation would most likely require the undergrounding of overhead power lines if future development is proposed. Mr. Garcia stated that in order for the City to complete the vacation process, the Planning Commission must adopt a Conformance Report finding that the vacation conforms with the City’s General Plan. Mr. Garcia further stated that staff recommended the approval of Case No. 1929-ENV.

After a brief discussion, Vice Chair Lopez motioned, seconded by Commissioner Carvajal, to ADOPT RESOLUTION CASE NO. 1929 and find that the vacation is consistent with the City’s General Plan by adopting the General Plan Conformance Report. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Carvajal, Lopez, and Chairman Benitez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**Information Items**

Planning Manager Garcia stated that staff would schedule a Closed Session item to consider the appointment of a Planning Commissioner(s) at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting of April 20, 2011.

**Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission**

Commissioner Carvajal reported that he attended the “Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival” during the weekend of April 1-3 and stated that it was “a very good carnival.” Commissioner Carvajal congratulated The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for a successful event.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary