



CITY OF SANGER
TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
MAY 4, 2009

AGENDA

6:00 PM Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. FLAG SALUTE - Commissioner Carter

D. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda and within the area of responsibility of the Commission. It is the policy of the Commission not to answer any questions impromptu and complaints should be referred to the Public Works Department. Speakers should limit their comments to five minutes

F. MINUTES

G. OFFICER REPORTS

1. Chairperson's Report

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Downtown Beautification

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Draft Revised Tree Ordinance (Chapter 58, Article IV, City Code)

J. NEW BUSINESS None

K. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Meeting June 1, 2009

M. ADJOURNMENT

Madlyn Esquer, Vice Chairperson
David Pinuelas, Commissioner

Sferri Carter, Commissioner

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Larry Lihosit
Secretary/Planner

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John White
Public Works Director

Raul Cantu, Chairperson
Gail Sergent, Commissioner

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John Mulligan
Deputy Public Works Director



CITY OF SANGER
TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 4, 2009

CITY OF SANGER
MINUTES OF THE TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
For April 6, 2009

The regular meeting was held in the Sanger City Hall Chamber at 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER:

Sherry Carter was sworn in as a Commissioner.

B. ROLL CALL:

These Commissioners were present; Sergent, Pinuelas, and Esquer. Cater, and Cantu.

Staff present included John White, Interim City Manager and Larry Lihosit, Planner.

C. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Pinuelas led the flag salute.

D. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Agenda approved.

1. Motion to approve: Pinuelas
2nd: Sergent
Vote: 5-0 (approve)

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

F. MINUTES:

1. Minutes, March 2, 2009.
Motion to approve: Sergent
2nd: Esquer
Vote: 5-0 (approve)

G. OFFICER REPORT:

1. Chairperson's Report: Apologized for missing last meeting.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Downtown Beautification: The Chamber of Commerce met on March 24 and discussed the town hall meeting and graffiti. A committee will be formed about graffiti eradication. There were questions about private property owner's rights. A waiver will be sent out to property owners. If signed, it will grant the right to eradicate graffiti on the property. Dick Sheppard (from the public) stated that Chief Klose has formed a graffiti task force which will patrol seven days a week at night. The Chamber of Commerce, he said, will soon announce that it has acquired 160 gallons of paint to cover graffiti but they lack paint chips of the

existing buildings to match. White mentioned that there is a discussion about using Measure S funds for a truck mounted paint machine. A public works employee will also be assigned graffiti removal on Thursday through Sunday.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Draft Tree Ordinance Commissioner Sergent was concerned about weekend citations. Commissioner Pinuelas stated that problems with weekend citations occurred 18 months ago and had probably been resolved. John White explained that whatever the Commission recommended would be forwarded to the City Attorney for his opinion and then returned to the Commission. He also noted some changes existing law. By consensus, the Commission moved to continue this item.
2. Discussion: Code Chapter 58, Articles I & IV Lihosit explained that Article I outlines the resident's responsibility to maintain trees within right-of-way contiguous to property. White explained that citizens complain that the City should remove dead trees. White reported that he had done some very preliminary calculations. Presently, residents in the older areas pay \$29 per year while new areas pay \$116 per year. If the older areas paid more, the City could provide more services. The fee would be assessed as part of the annual tax bill and would have to be voted upon as a ballot measure. Chairperson Cantu thought the idea of a ballot measure sound. Commissioner Pinuelas stated that citizens were not aware that it was their responsibility to care for trees in right-of-way. Commissioner Esquer stated that a ballot measure was a form of education. Commissioner Sergent asked White what the cost increase would be. White responded that he would calculate that amount and it would apply to Lighting and Landscape District 1 only. Ballots would be mailed to residents if approved by the City Council.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairperson Cantu requested that the next agenda include a Commission "Comments" section.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Sergent
2nd: Esquer
Vote: 5-0 (to adjourn)