



CITY OF SANGER
TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
AUGUST 2, 2010

AGENDA

6:00 PM Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. FLAG SALUTE - Chairperson Cantu**
- D. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**
- E. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**
None
- F. 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
- G. MINUTES APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**
- H. OFFICER REPORTS**
1. Chairperson's Report
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
None
- J. OLD BUSINESS**
None
- K. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Discuss the Adopt a Planter downtown.
2. Discuss the PG&E Grant expenditure.
- L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- M. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
1. Next Meeting October 4, 2010, September meeting canceled due to Labor Day.
- N. ADJOURNMENT**
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*Raul Cantu, Chairperson
Sharri Carter, Commissioner*

David Pinuelas, Commissioner

*Madlyn Esquer, Vice Chairperson
Gail Sergent, Commissioner*

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*John White
Interim City Manager*

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*John Mulligan
Secretary/Deputy Public Works Director*

M. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announced the next meeting as August 2, 2010.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Sergent
2nd: Carter
Vote: 4-0 (to adjourn)



*CITY OF SANGER
TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2010*

**CITY OF SANGER
MINUTES OF THE TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
For June 7, 2010**

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Pinuelas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:** These Commissioners were present; Pinuelas, Carter, Sergent, Esquer arrived at 6:07.
These Commissioners were absent; Cantu
- Staff present included John Mulligan, Secretary/Deputy Public Works Director.
- C. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Pinuelas led the flag salute.
- D. AGENDA APPROVAL:** Agenda approved
- 1. Motion to approve: Sergent
 - 2nd: Carter
 - Vote: 3 - 0 (approve)
- E. CEREMONIAL MATTERS** None.
- F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Ed Cuadros: Commented on the need to market the “Christmas Tree City”. He commented on the trees located along Jensen Avenue and his opinion of them. Mr. Cuadros talked about the plants at the PAL building and that they are stressed and should not be accepted. He feels that the Commissioners should be more active in their positions and “step-up” to beautify the City.
- G. MINUTES:**
- 1. Minutes, May 3, 2010.
Motion to approve: Sergent
 - 2nd: Pinuelas
 - Vote: 4-0 (approve)
- H. OFFICER REPORT:**
- 1. Chairperson’s Report: None
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 1. None.

J. OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mulligan: Discussed the meeting with two architects and the joint commissions and Council regarding downtown beautification. Outlined high points of the meeting such as a night parade, defining the entrance, one-way streets, SR180.

Sergent: The existing awnings have a/c units that may be an issue when they are removed. Property owners need to be engaged.

Carter: Make the tree lighting a big event. Theaters don't do go business, mostly independent movies. Did not think one-way streets were a good idea. Improvements take money.

Pinuelas: Stated that this needs to be an all out effort that includes all parties to be successful.

Esquer: Talked about the disconnect that exists among commissions, council, and staff and the need to have more meetings to prioritize and take the existing wish list and expand on it.

Ed Cuadros: Discussed the need to beautify and make the City look better. More downtown parking. More City marketing.

Kachadourian: Answered some questions regarding downtown boundaries. Talked about the General Plan and the existing plans that already exist within the Plan. Ralph talked about the future planning he will be coordinating to produce a ten year plan for the Council to review that will involve the City commissions.

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Carter: Happy to see Ralph and Ed attending the meeting. Commented on the relocation of the trees along Jensen Avenue. Like Ed's idea of replacing the trees. More citywide education is needed to market the Christmas Tree City.
2. Sergent: Discussed the median trees on Jensen Avenue. The City needs more bike trails. The PAL plant health, and they should not be acceptable and are susceptible to disease. The city should look into requiring property owners to keep their building up to a certain standard.
3. Pinuelas: We should plant more trees if we are a Tree City. Talked about the need to plan and have all the commissioners together collectively. The need to make City parking lots more attractive.
4. Esquer: Discussed the need to have a downtown color scheme to easily cover the graffiti. The current method of matching is not attractive. Would like to get a copy of the prior downtown plan to review for updates. Does not think one-way streets are a good idea. Commented on the thrift store signs.