

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION
March 23, 2009**

The Planning Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., March 23, 2009, at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Righeimer.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL: Chair: James Righeimer
Vice Chair: James Fisler
Commissioners: Sam Clark, Colin McCarthy, and Stephen Mensinger

Present: Chair James Righeimer
Vice Chair James Fisler
Commissioner Sam Clark
Commissioner Stephen Mensinger

Absent: Commissioner Colin McCarthy

Also present: Planning Commission Secy. Kimberly Brandt
Deputy City Attorney Christian Bettenhausen
City Engineer Ernesto Munoz
Senior Planner Mel Lee

III. PLANNING COMMISSION 2008 DESIGN AWARDS PRESENTATIONS FOR:

450 Anton Boulevard - Enclave Apartment Homes
1370 Adams Avenue - Coast Community College District
1640 Newport Boulevard - Pacific Medical Plaza
3200 Harbor Boulevard - Carmax Auto Superstore

The Chair made a presentation for the Enclave Apartment Homes (450 Anton Boulevard) and an award certificate was presented to Richard E. Lamprecht, Sr. Vice President of Development, Irvine Company Apartment Communities. Mr. Lamprecht spoke in acceptance of the award.

The Chair made a presentation for Coast Community College District (1370 Adams Avenue) and award certificates were presented to Tim Bundy of Bundy-Finkel Architects, Inc., and Ardith Richey, Director of Facilities & Planning; Martha Parham, Director of Public Relations; Ding Jo Currie, Acting Chancellor; Mary Hornbuckle, Board of Trustee Member (and former Mayor of Costa Mesa); and Lorraine Prinsky, Board Trustee Vice President.

The Chair made a presentation for Carmax Auto Superstore (3200 Harbor Boulevard) and an award certificate was presented to Cyndi Sultze. Ms. Sultze spoke in acceptance of the award.

The Chair made a presentation for Pacific Medical Plaza (1640 Newport Boulevard) and an award certificate was presented to Mr. Marheine, Joseph G. Brown's son-in-law.

IV. MINUTES: Minutes for the meeting of March 9, 2009

The Chair approved the minutes as distributed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Philip Bettencourt, Planning Consultant for Newport Banning Ranch, said this project is ready for review by the City of Newport Beach as the lead public agency. He pointed out that there is a public Scoping Session on April 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and another session at 3:00 p.m. (specifically for agencies). He stated that over 1,000 invitations have been mailed out and extended a special invitation to the Commissioners to attend a "behind the gates" tour by the project development director. Mr. Bettencourt noted that Bonterra Consulting is the contractor for the City of Newport Beach, and the draft environmental impact report is expected to be ready this fall for public review.

VI. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Commissioner Clark announced the semi-annual Neighbors for Neighbors event scheduled for May 2 and said this is an opportunity to give back to the community. He noted that a contact number for this event has been provided (714-754-4892).

Vice Chair Fisler thanked City staff for putting on the memorial service for Donn Hall and gave his condolences to former Planning Commission Chair Bruce Garlich for the loss of his wife.

The Chair noted that the memorial service for Donn Hall was a fine event and he also gave his condolences to Trudy Hall and Bruce Garlich.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1. Planning Application PA-08-31, for Scott Laidlaw/Laidlaw Schultz Architects, authorized agent for The Crossing Church, for an amendment to Conditional Use Permit PA-99-07 to construct a 932 sq. ft. café for the church and a 21,920 sq. ft. auditorium (to replace an existing temporary structure) at the front of the property instead of the rear as originally approved, with a variance from building height requirements (30 feet maximum height allowed; 36 to 40 feet high proposed), located at 2115 Newport Boulevard, in a C2 zone. Environmental determination: exempt.**

Senior Planner Mel Lee explained that staff is recommending this item be continued to the meeting of April 13, 2009.

At Deputy City Attorney Christian Bettenhausen's suggestion, the Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on this item and no one wished to do so. The Chair closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Continue to the Planning Commission meeting of April 13, 2009.

Moved by Commissioner Sam Clark, seconded by Commissioner Stephen Mensinger.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair James Righeimer, Vice Chair James Fisler,
Commissioner Sam Clark, and Commissioner Stephen
Mensinger

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioner Colin McCarthy

VIII. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

None.

IX. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO THE MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009.

There being no further business, Chairman Righeimer adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to the Planning Commission meeting of Monday, April 13, 2009.

Submitted by: _____

KIMBERLY BRANDT, SECRETARY
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION