

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF  
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 28, 2013**

These meeting minutes represent an "action minute" format with a concise summary of the meeting. A video of the meeting may be viewed on the City's website at [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov) or purchased on DVD upon request.

Commissioner Mathews led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Jim Fitzpatrick  
Vice Chair Robert Dickson  
Commissioner Colin McCarthy  
Commissioner Jeff Mathews  
Commissioner Tim Sesler

Absent: None

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**IV. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

Commissioner Sesler thanked and commended a school official.

Commissioner McCarthy commended Commissioner Dickson for his active participation with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and made an announcement about the Fish Fry at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Dickson reported that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was in need of 16 volunteers. He referred interested parties to the City's website.

Chair Fitzpatrick introduced the two newest Planners – Antonio Gardea, Senior Planner and Aaron Hollister, Associate Planner. Chair Fitzpatrick gave a power point presentation on motels.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Chair Fitzpatrick pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 2 for discussion.

1. Minutes for the meeting of May 13, 2013
3. 2013 to 2020 Seven Year Capital Improvement Program

**Motion: Approve the May 13, 2013 Minutes and the 2013 to 2020 Seven Year Capital Improvement Program. Moved by Chair Fitzpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Mathews.**

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Dickson, McCarthy, Mathews and Sesler  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

2. Potential Fourth Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Chief Code Enforcement Officer Bouwens-Killeen summarized the staff report.

Chair Fitzpatrick opened the session for public comments – there were no public comments.

**Motion: Initiate a Fourth Neighborhood Enhancement Program for Commission consideration. Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Dickson.**

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Dickson, McCarthy, Mathews and Sesler  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa repealing Chapter I (in general) and replacing it with Chapters I (in general), II (property maintenance standards) and III (Public Nuisance Abatement) of Title 20 (property maintenance) of the Costa Mesa Municipal code relating to the Abatement of Public Nuisances.

Instead of summarizing the staff report, Deputy City Attorney Elena Gerli answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Fitzpatrick opened the session for public comments – there were no public comments.

**Motion: Recommend that City Council approve the Public Nuisance Abatement ordinance as proposed and give first reading. Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Mathews.**

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Dickson, McCarthy, Mathews and Sesler  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

**2. 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT GP-13-03**

PROPOSED 2013-2021 DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE GP-13-03. The City of Costa Mesa has prepared a technical update to the Housing Element of the Costa Mesa General Plan as required by California Law Government Code Section 65588 (e). In the previous Housing Element cycle 2008-2014, the City of Costa Mesa had a RHNA obligation of 1,682 units. The City of Costa Mesa's RHNA obligation for Housing Element cycle 2013-2021 is 2 units.

ADDENDUM TO PROGRAM EIR. The Addendum to the General Plan Program EIR, as it relates to the 2013-2021 Housing Element update, will be circulated in conjunction with the Draft Housing Element for a 60-day Review. The Housing Element Update does not change the environmental conclusions of the original Program EIR (SCH#200031120) certified in January, 2002, nor does the Housing Element update result in new impacts/mitigation measures

Consultant Veronica Tam summarized the staff report and provided a power point presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Denise Moon, resident, encouraged the community to reconsider expanding the number of affordable housing units for people with special needs.

Jay Humphrey, resident, encouraged community participation, asked that parking be addressed and the Housing Element be revised to satisfy minimum requirements.

Jean Forbath, Costa Mesa Housing Coalition, asked the Commissioners to slow down the process and get input from the community in order to have a better plan.

Richard Huffman, resident, asked if the Housing Element addressed disaster relief and urged the Commissioners to reconsider the grants.

Dianne Russell, Costa Mesa Housing Coalition and Kennedy Commission, wanted the Housing Element to address the number of units needed.

Linda Tang, resident and Kennedy Commission member, urged the creation of a new affordable strategic plan and an ad hoc committee. She asked why senior citizens were not included in the General Plan.

Christine Knoll, MIKA and Costa Mesa Housing Coalition, urged the Commissioners to partner with developers who were into affordable housing.

Cyndi Daiello, resident, spoke of the importance of providing housing for people with special needs.

Jacque Kerze, Regional Center of Orange County, commented that as staff moved forward with the Housing Element that affordable housing be considered.

The Commissioners agreed that in order to find out the community's expectations, it was important to get their input.

Commissioner Sesler asked what the ramifications were if the City missed the 60-day deadline. Ms. Tam said the only ramification for not meeting the grace period was that the City could not qualify for State grants.

**MOTION: Continue the matter to the June 24, 2013 Planning Commission meeting and staff to schedule one community workshop before said meeting. Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Commissioner Dickson.**

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Fitzpatrick, Dickson, McCarthy, Mathews and Sesler  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. ON JUNE 10, 2013.**

Submitted by:   
CLAIRE FLYNN, SECRETARY  
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION