

MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 29, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Hess called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Foote

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Harries, Lowthorp, Hess, Bloom and Foote

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Excused):

Hardy and Huntley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Kathy Lehr, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Chairman Hess asked if anyone wished to speak on a subject not calendared on the Agenda. There was no public comment.

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting.

MOTION

Commissioner Harries moved to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting as written.

Ayes: Lowthorp, Bloom, Harries, Foote and Hess

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC HEARING

- (2) Request for a Conditional Use Permit (continued from June 24, 2008) by Bank of America/Coast Signs to increase the allowable 80 square feet of signage at 536 North Main Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

Vice Chairman Hess opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM and stated that if anyone wished to appeal any decision by the Planning Commission, they may do so by writing to the City Council within five days of this meeting.

The proponent, Nina Gleason/ Coast Signs, 1500 W. Embassy Street, Anaheim, CA (representing Bank of America) presented two plans for the Bank of America pylon sign; a 20-foot high pylon sign (option A3r) and a 25-foot high pylon sign (option A4r). An email was received from Caltrans today (7/29/08) and distributed to Commissioners stating that Caltrans will support either of these options. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use Permit (continued from June 24, 2008) by Bank of America/Coast Signs to increase the allowable 80 square feet of signage at 536 North Main Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

The commissioners agreed they preferred the 20-foot high sign.

MOTION:

Commissioner Harries made a motion to approve the conditional use permit to allow Bank of America/Coast Signs to set aside Bishop Municipal Code Section 17.76.100 to increase the allowable square footage of signage to 132 square feet and the reduce the height of the pylon sign to 20 feet (plan A3r).

Ayes: Harries, Hess, Bloom, Foote and Lowthorp

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Hess adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be August 26, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Vice Chairman Hess

Kathy Lehr, Secretary