

CITY OF ESCONDIDO**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION****April 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Weber in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Jeffery Weber, Chairman; Don Romo, Vice-Chair; Michael Cohen, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; James McNair, Commissioner; James Spann, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director; Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer; Adam Phillips, Deputy City Attorney; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Spann, seconded by Commissioner Weiler, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 17-0001:**

REQUEST: A proposed amendment to Article 66 (Sign Ordinance) of the Escondido Zoning Code to modify the sign standards for elementary schools and high schools in residential zones to allow private schools and charter schools sign identification opportunities similar to public schools. The proposed amendment would increase wall sign allowances for schools in residential zones from 20

square feet to 40 square feet, and increase the size of freestanding signs from a maximum of six (6) feet high and 24 square feet to a maximum of 15 feet high and 60 square feet.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, referenced the staff report and noted that staff recommended approval of the proposed resolution, recommending that the City Council adopt, with any suggested edits, amendments to Article 66 of the Zoning Code, for the following reasons: 1) The proposed amendment would provide sign regulations that eliminate existing barriers that accredited private or charter schools currently face when seeking to install signage similar to signs now provided at local public schools; and 2) The Planning Division would ensure through its design review process that future signs were compatible with the structure and/or property where they were installed and would not adversely impact the visual character of the surrounding area.

Commissioner Weiler requested that the language be revised to reflect that the amendment pertains to all grades, K-12.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Spann, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion included clarifying the language to reflect that the amendment pertained to all grades, K-12. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

2. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 17-0002:

REQUEST: Amendment to the Escondido Zoning Code (EZC) to establish an expedited, cost-effective permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to meet current State law requirements. No development project is proposed.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

Recommendation: Continue indefinitely.

ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Weber, seconded by Commissioner Cohen, to continue Item 2 indefinitely. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

ORAL COMMUNATIONS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Spann thanked the City for new curbs in old Escondido.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Weber adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.



Mike Strong, Secretary to the Escondido
Planning Commission



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk