



CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of April 19, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fussel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Mercado

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Craig Adams, Foster Reif, Gerald Witcher, Vice Chair Art Mercado and Chair Jason Fussel

REORDERING OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of April 5, 2012**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the audience wishing to address the Planning Commission on matters not on the agenda may do so at this time. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting. Please state your name and address for the record. Comments should normally be limited to three minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Update on Public Visioning Process and Cal Poly Study

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

To the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 140 West Highway 246.

* Please note that the date of any Planning Commission decision starts an appeal period. During the appeal period either the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the application of a perceived onerous or unreasonable condition or the decision itself to the City Council as governed by the applicable section of the Buellton Municipal Code.

CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 5, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fussel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Witcher led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Foster Reif and Gerald Witcher, Vice Chair Art Mercado and Chair Jason Fussel

Absent: Commissioner Craig Adams

Staff: Planning Director Marc Bierdzinski
Staff Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

REORDERING OF AGENDA

The Agenda was reordered to allow the Planning Director Report to be heard before the Public Hearing.

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Bierdzinski updated the Commission on the status of the Corridor Study and the Cal Poly Study and stated that discussion of the Visioning Action Items is continuing with the City Council. He also stated that the Dining Cars located outside Buellton City limits have been purchased and the owner has expressed interest in restoring the diner and relocating it somewhere in Buellton and updated the Commission on status of the Williams Senior Complex.

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of March 15, 2012**

Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary, stated that there is an error in the minutes; Item #2 was incorrectly listed under "New Public Hearings" and should be listed under "Other Business".

MOTION:

Commissioner Mercado moved and Chair Fussel seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2012 with the correction noted by the Planning Commission Secretary.

VOTE:

Motion passed by 2-0 voice vote with abstention by Commissioners Reif and Witcher due to their absence from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**2. Resolution No. 12-01 – "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Sign Ordinance Exemption (12-EXP-01) for an Off-Premise Sign on a 0.97 Acre Site Located at 291 Industrial Way (APN 099-690-027), and Making Findings in Support Thereof"**

Commissioner Witcher declared a conflict of interest regarding this item due to the proximity of his property to the subject property and left the dais and the room.

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Bierdzinski presented the Staff Report.

DOCUMENTS:

Planning Department Staff Report with attachments (Vicinity Map, Sign Plans, Municipal Code Section 19.04.172.B.1.b).
Planning Commission Resolution No. 12-01

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Reif had concerns regarding too many signs being displayed and the sign looking cluttered.

Chair Fussel opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Dave Henrey, Applicant, All Sport Fitness, stated that such signage is needed to provide direction to the businesses on Industrial Way and would be in support of a continuance of the Public Hearing in order to provide revised plans to add the 2 additional panels.

Chair Fussel closed the Public Hearing at 6: 16 p.m.

MOTION:

Commissioner Reif moved and Vice Chair Mercado seconded the motion to continue the Public Hearing to April 19, 2012 to allow the Applicant to provide revised plans showing 2 additional signs for a total of 63 square feet of signage.

VOTE:

Motion passed by 3-0 voice vote.

SPEAKERS/DISCUSSION:

With the consensus of the Commission, Chair Fussel re-opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m. to reconsider the item.

Dave Henrey, Applicant, All Sport Fitness, stated that he did not realize that continuing the Public Hearing would cause a delay in construction of the sign.

John Petersen, Property Owner, clarified the purpose of the sign and stated that he has reserved 50% of the signage for future businesses on his property. He went on the state that Mr. Henrey was not aware of the request by Figueroa Mountain Brewery to be added to the sign and suggested that the Commission process the sign as submitted.

The Planning Commission discussed the addition of two business signs for a 63 square foot monument sign without further review by the Commission. There would be one additional sign located on the top row and one additional sign on the bottom row. All initially proposed signs will be on the top row with the bottom row being reserved for future signs at the discretion of the property owner. The Commission felt that the revised sign could be approved tonight with conditions.

Chair Fussel closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION:

Commissioner Reif moved and Vice Chair Mercado seconded the motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12-01 amending the project to include 2 additional sign panels.

VOTE:

Motion passed by 3-0 roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fussel adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission to be held April 19, 2012 at the City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, CA.

Jason Fussel, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

An audio CD of this Planning Commission Meeting is available upon request.

CITY OF BUELLTON
Planning Commission Agenda Staff Report:

Planning Director Review: MPB
Commission Agenda Item No.: 2

To: The Honorable Chair and Commission Members
From: Marc Bierdzinski, Planning Director
Meeting Date: April 19, 2012
Subject: Status Report Regarding the Public Visioning Process

BACKGROUND

The following is a brief update on the public vision process.

Corridor Constraints Study

This report was released on April 4 and is available for review on the City's website.

Cal Poly Study

The Cal Poly Urban Design class is well underway in preparing a land use study and form based code for the Avenue of Flags. Presentations by the students to the community will occur on the following dates:

- Monday, April 16, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Recreation Center Gym
- Saturday, April 21, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Recreation Center Gym
- Monday, April 30, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Recreation Center Gym
- Final Presentation to Planning Commission and City Council (Joint Meeting),
Wednesday, June 6, 6 pm to 9 pm, Marriott (No Planning Commission meeting
on June 7)

I will brief the Commission on April 19 for those who could not attend the April 16 presentation.

Vision Priorities

The City Council will be making some decisions on the vision priorities at their April 12 meeting. I will verbally report on any decisions at the April 19 meeting.