

**CITY OF SAN GABRIEL  
PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, May 28, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Tom Klawiter called the special joint meeting of the Design Review Commission and Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Tom Klawiter and Commissioners Dondi Adkins, Carol Kimbrough and Vince Zawodny. Design Review Commission Chair Marla Nadolney and Commissioner Ken Nakaba.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Planning Commission Chairman Norm Garden. Design Review Commissioner Raymond Cheng.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Planning Manager Carol Barrett, Assistant Planner Fangzhou Zhou

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Greening the Code – Presentation by California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Master of Urban and Regional Planning Students  
Applicant: Professor Richard J. Zimmer and Students**

**Project Summary:** This project is a presentation by Cal Poly Pomona planning students working on ideas for greening the San Gabriel zoning code. The presentation is the culmination of two quarters of work in Professor Richard J. Zimmer's graduate planning studio class. Student Jeffrey Borchardt presented the project.

**COMMENTS BY STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Klawiter began the discussion by complimenting the students on their work, saying that it was very comprehensive.
2. Commissioners, staff and students discussed various recommendations that were presented. The commissioners were supportive of improvements such as creating bike lanes on City streets, using more porous asphalt for streets, incorporating rubber sidewalks in parts of the city, and using performance-based incentives. There was general agreement that the City needs to encourage more sustainable building materials, less impervious surfaces, and on-site renewable energy production.

3. Discussion on balancing cultural preferences for things such as tree planting and removal, feng shui in landscape and site design, and balancing these preferences with sustainability goals.
4. Creating Planning Areas and Neighborhood Councils was discussed as a way to involve the community in addressing land use and design issues, and to tailor development standards to the unique character of different parts of San Gabriel.
5. Commissioners brought up encouraging local food-growth in the form of small-scale backyard agriculture and involving schools in educating kids and families about local food, as well as replacing blacktop on school properties with gardens.
6. Planning Manager Barrett closed by noting that this project will be folded into the City's code update work. The recommendations will be a great way to address residential sustainability. The goal is to maintain San Gabriel as a desirable place to live.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the previous Planning Commission and Design Review Commission meetings were not approved. These minutes will be approved at the next regular meetings of the Planning Commission and Design Review Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Planning Commission Vice-Chair Garden adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to a regular Planning Commission meeting on June 11, 2012 at 6:30pm, and a regular Design Review Commission meeting on June 25, 2012 at 7:00pm.**

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The complete text of the joint Planning Commission and Design Review Commission meeting minutes is available on tape and may be reviewed in the Community Development Department office at City Hall during regular business hours.

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Tom Klawiter,  
Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol D. Barrett, FAICP, Planning Manager

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Marla Nadolney  
Chair of the Design Review Commission