



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2008

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

SUBJECT:
CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. NO SUBJECT MAY BE TAKEN UP BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WANT TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Tom Perrigo

Minutes:

TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the City's sustainability initiative. He also presented a video regarding Earth Hour 2008 and stated that in 2009, all eyes will be on Las Vegas for Earth Hour, when the lights will be switched off on March 28, 2009. Currently, Harrah's and the City of Las Vegas have signed up. This is an opportunity for the City to get the message out and make a difference.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, gave credit to MR. PERRIGO for his efforts and stated that no money was spent outside of regular City operations. He has put Las Vegas on the map. Most large cities set up departments and hire specialists to do this. MR. PERRIGO has become a specialist and a leader while he continues his regular duties as Deputy Director.

FLINN FAGG, Planning and Development, commented on staff's efforts regarding impediments to sustainability in Title 19. It was discovered that the 22 percent limitation on glazing does not work well with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Staff is also working with the GREEN Council to review the City's standards starting in February 2009 and look at things the City needs to implement or be added to the City's Zoning Code in order to adopt sustainable measures.

Staff is working on the survey of Title 19 to see what works, such as the wireless communication facilities. The regulations for these occur in four different places within the Code. An electronic survey was put together, which has been sent to the Planning and Development staff and other users of the Code within the City of Las Vegas to help identify what works, where there are conflicts with regards to code requirements, and what can be done to make it function better. The electronic surveys have also been sent to consultants, engineers, architects and users of Title

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19 to provide input. The process is very detailed and ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning and Development, sacrificed his own time working on the project. Staff will provide additional information about this project during the Planning Commission and City Council workshop in early Spring.

COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE congratulated MS. WHEELER and her staff for their involvement with the sustainability initiative and doing so in a very cost-effective manner. The Commissioner recognized COMMISSIONER STEINMAN on his selection to serve as an Interim Councilman through a unanimous approval by the City Council. One primary factor used to select COMMISSIONER STEINMAN was his work, dedication, experience and effectiveness. He will take his knowledge while on the Planning Commission to do a super job and wished him well. COMMISSIONER STEINMAN stated he is looking forward to the challenge of the next three to six months. He hopes that when his services terminate as City Councilman, he has the opportunity to return on the Planning Commission.

CHAIR GOYNES concurred with all comments and wished a Happy Birthday to COMMISSIONER EVANS. On a sad note, he announced the passing of TOM McGOWAN and expressed condolences to his family.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 19th Street, concurred with previous comments, wished the Commissioner a Happy Birthday and wished Happy Holidays to all.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Crolli, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Lean Coleman, Deputy City Clerk