

**CITY OF DANA POINT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 5, 2011
6:03 – 7:48 p.m.

City Hall Offices
Council Chamber (#210)
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman O'Connor called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Denise Jacobo (Planning Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Liz Claus, Vice-Chairman Norman Denton, Commissioner Gary Newkirk, Chairwoman April O'Connor, and Commissioner Tarquin Preziosi

Staff Present: John Tilton (City Architect/Planning Manager), Kurth Nelson (Senior Planner), Brad Fowler (Director of Public Works), Jason Geldert (Engineer), Jennifer Farrell (Deputy City Attorney), and Denise Jacobo (Planning Secretary)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the regular Planning Commission Meeting of November 7, 2011.

ACTION: Motion made (Claus) and seconded (Preziosi) to approve the Minutes of the regular Planning Commission Meeting of November 7, 2011. Motion carried 5-0. (AYES: Claus, Denton, Newkirk, O'Connor, Preziosi NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Sampedro (Save Baby Beach Coalition Representative - Dana Point) submitted written testimony, read its contents opposing the planned Harbor development adjacent to Baby Beach, Sailing and Events Center, and the water surrounding that area. He also submitted a copy of his comments to the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Project.

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C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

D. WORKSHOP

ITEM 2: Bluff Top Development Workshop

John Tilton (City Architect/Planning Manager) gave a brief introduction about coastal development.

Kurth Nelson (Senior Planner) provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the coastal bluffs municipal code development standards.

Jason Geldert (Senior Civil Engineer) reviewed the geotechnical reports and coastal bluffs criteria, and he introduced third-party engineering consultant Brandon Boka to present the geological report review.

Brad Fowler (Director of Public Works) responded to questions with regard to landslide concerns from rainfall events and irrigation practices.

E. STAFF REPORTS

John Tilton (City Architect/Planning Manager) reported that the California Coastal Commission public hearing for the Del Obispo Rezone Coastal Plan Amendment is scheduled to be held December 7, 2011 in San Francisco.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newkirk thanked City Staff for the workshop.

Commissioner Claus thanked City Staff for the workshop. She reported that she attended the City dedication ceremony for the water fountain at La Plaza Park.

Vice-Chairman Denton thanked City Staff for the workshop.

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Commissioner Preziosi thanked everyone involved with putting the workshop together.

Chairwoman O'Connor offered condolences to the Ogan family.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Connor announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter) in the Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


April O'Connor, Chairwoman
Planning Commission