

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

District 1 Commissioner – Riley Jones

District 2 Commissioner – Bob Bajwa

District 3 Commissioner – R.G. Trapnell*

District 4 Commissioner – Jim Gregory**

District 5 Commissioner - Louise Silacci

*Chairman

**Vice-Chairman

March 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Kings County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Trapnell, on March 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Riley Jones, Louise Silacci, R.G. Trapnell, Bob Bajwa,

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jim Gregory

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Gatzka – Director, Erik Kaeding – County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director – Planning, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary, Dan Kassik – Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Bob Lewis

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Gatzka summarized the agenda for the Commission.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Jones/Silacci) to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Gregory absent.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. General Plan Amendment No. 12-01 and Change of Zone District Boundary No. 12-01 (Jackson)

Mr. Kassik provided an overview of a proposal for a general plan amendment and a change of zone district boundaries for an 18 acre site located in the Kettleman City area, Assessor's Parcel Number 038-240-079. The proposal is to change the General Agriculture 40 (AG-40) general plan land use designation to the Transportation commercial (TC) general plan land use designation and change the current General Agriculture (AG-40) zoning designation to the Highway Commercial (CH) zoning designation. Mr. Kassik stated that the use is for outdoor signage and that this land is not practical for any commercial use other than signs and that the project is consistent with the Kings County 2035 General Plan. Mr. Gatzka explained to the Commissioners that the general plan amendment and change of zone district boundaries resulted from coordination with the Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce regarding improving signage for visitors of the Kettleman City area. The particular property was one in which Caltrans could approve for signage along Interstate 5 and provide travelers information in advance of the Kettleman City exit.

Chairman Trapnell opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project. Mr. Bob Lewis spoke in favor of the project. Seeing nobody else wanting to speak in favor of the project, he then asked if there was anyone wanting to speak in opposition to the project. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Silacci/Jones) to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 14-05 approving the proposal for a general plan amendment and a change of zone district boundaries. Motion carried unanimously with Gregory absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
3. **STAFF COMMENTS:** Greg Gatzka reported he had seen on the news that twelve fracking wells are being proposed but they are off the coast of Santa Barbara in the ocean. These wells were grandfathered in, and any future wells will be prohibited in the future.
4. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Commissioner Silacci stated that she would not be attending the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Gregory R. Gatzka, Commission Secretary