

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California USA

Minutes for Planning Commission Meeting of April 20, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Jorgen Von Frausing-Borch called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Commissioners Lino Mogni, Nancy Trujillo, Trevor Harper and Dan Brown as well as staff City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum and City Planner Vanessa Blodgett were present. Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

MOTION: (Harper/Mogni): The February 16, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved. There was no public comment.

Correspondence: The commission questioned the Restaurant Matias signage on the window glass. After some discussion it was learned that the signage is not etched onto the glass, but is an applied decal. This item needs to go back to the Design Review committee.

Draft Historical and Cultural Resources Element Goals and Policies: Planner Blodgett explained that the draft goals presented here included comments previously given by the Planning Commission and Design Review Committee. Additional comments were given by the Planning Commissioners.

Goals: The City Manager talked about goals being set by the City Council and asked that the Planning Commission begin thinking about goals and that some of those goals may be passed on to the Design Review Committee. Chair von Frausing-Borch determined that he and the City Manager will work on goals, then call for a work study session including the Design Review Committee.

Lighting and Signage: The Ad Hoc committee previously set up is now past their 6 month mandate. Design Review Committee member Michael Bailey explained that because of frustration of having to use a flawed Ordinance to review design review applications, he had taken it upon himself to spend some time putting together definitions as well as an outline for a possible Sign Ordinance for the City of Ferndale. The Commission asked Mr. Bailey to get background information and possible ordinance changes to the Commissioners before the next meeting, and to have this item put on the next Planning Commission agenda for Mr. Bailey to make a presentation to the Planning Commission.

Historical Record of Architectural Changes: This would entail a change in the building permit process to include photographs of the building before changes are made. MOTION: (Trujillo/Harper) Direct staff to include the necessity for a photographic record to be submitted with the building permit application. All in favor.

Public Education: Hold this over to the next agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, City Clerk