

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2008

The Planning Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 10, 2008 @ 301 W. 6th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Dave Sullivan called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:
Dave Sullivan – Chair
Jay Reddy – Vice-Chair
Tracy Atkins
Perla Cavazos
Mandy Dealey
Chris Ewen
Paula Hui
Saundra Kirk
Clint Small

A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ben Procter spoke under Citizen's Communication regarding Compatibility Standards.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from May 27, 2008.

The approval of minutes for May 27, 2008 were approved on the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Jay Reddy's motion, Commissioner Paula Hui second the motion on a vote of 8-0-1. Commissioner Saundra Kirk abstained from approval of minutes due to being absent on May 27, 2008.

2. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2008.

The approval of minutes for May 13, 2008 were approved on the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Jay Reddy's motion, Commissioner Paula Hui second the motion on a vote of 9-0.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Code C20-2008-011

Amendment:

Request: Consider and take appropriate action on an ordinance amending Section

25-2-531 (Height Limit Exceptions) of the Land Development Code (LDC). The proposed amendment would allow "fly towers", associated with public performing arts theatres, to exceed the height limit of the base zoning district by thirty-three percent (33%). This height increase

would be established as an exception to the base district.

Staff Rec.: Recommended

Staff: Bobby Ray, 974-3056, bobby.ray@ci.austin.tx.us

Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

The motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the City Council subject to the following: (1) Fly towers, proposed pursuant to this amendment, shall be subject to Residential Compatibility Standards; (2) Broaden the provisions of the ordinance to include "private" as well as public performing arts theatres; (3) Limit the provisions of the amendment to a small number of zoning district in which theatres would normally operate, specifically: CBD, Central Business District; DMU, Downtown Mixed Use; CS, Commercial Services; and, CS-1, Commercial – Liquor Sales; (4) and, a proposed performing arts theatre with a fly tower that exceeds the maximum height of the base zoning district, up to 33% of the zoning district height limit, shall be a Conditional Use subject to discretionary approval; was approved by Commissioner Chris Ewen's motion, Commissioner Jay Reddy second the motion on a vote of 9-0.