

Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Epperson called meeting to order 6:30p.m.

Roll Call: Following Roll Call Commissioners, present – Epperson, Felker, Garcia, Lopez, Nehring, Arabian

Commissioners, absent – Bandy (excused)

Approval of Agenda: C/ Epperson made motion to approve the agenda as presented, unanimous approval.

I. Approval of Minutes 4/27//09, C/Epperson made a motion to approve minutes as presented, unanimously approved.

Request to Address the Commission

A. None

II. Presentation(s)

A. CALTRANS PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT; Yamabe and Horn Engineering, Gary Horn

Staff gave a presentation to update the Planning Commission on a recent request for input regarding a proposed Roundabout at the intersection of Jensen and Madera Avenue. Staff recently met with Caltrans regarding a proposed roundabout at Jensen and Madera Avenue. Caltrans is evaluating a roundabout at this intersection in lieu of a four-way stop. The intersection does not warrant a traffic signal. Caltrans is seeking staff input since our future SOI will include this intersection. A black and white and colored layout of the proposed roundabout was reviewed by the Commission. Staff gave a power point presentation to show many different roundabout designs. A recent traffic study showed that not only did roundabouts effectively slow down vehicle speed; but saved lives by acting as a buffer for on coming traffic on either direction and reduced fuel and pollution by reducing stop “idling” time. Roundabouts are a fairly modern concept. Staff gave the pros and cons of this concept for the Commissions consideration.

III. Public Hearing(s)/Meeting(s) None presented

IV. Petitions, Resolutions None

V. Administrative Reports/Resolutions

A. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 09-01, AIR QUALITY GOALS AND POLICIES

The Director of Planning & Development, Luis Patlan prepared a Draft Air Quality Goals and Policies document as required by State Assembly Bill 170 (AB 170). An amendment to the 2027 General Plan will be required in order to include the goals and policies in the Conservation, Open Space, Parks and Recreation Element by June 30, 2009. In view of the urgency for Fresno County jurisdictions to comply with the air quality requirements to avoid two possible State sanctions (1) this sanction could make most industrial expansion prohibitively expensive in the Valley; and (2) impose restrictions on federally funded highway projects. staff recommended that the Commission review the draft Air Quality Goals and Policies document and schedule a public hearing for the July 27, 2009 meeting to recommend that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt new air quality goals, policies and implementation strategies in the Conservation, Open Space, Parks and Recreation Element of the Kerman 2027 General Plan at the August 5, 2009 City Council meeting.

By consensus (1 absent/Felker) the Commission directed staff to schedule for a public hearing on July 27, 2009 for this matter.

No other comments

Adjournment C/Epperson - Adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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