

AGENDA NO. 5 DRAFT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE Planning Commission FY 2009-2010 Work Plan

I MISSION STATEMENT

The Oceanside Planning Commission shall guide, encourage and promote responsible development as it relates to the physical, environmental, social, economic, cultural and safety needs of the community.

II COMPOSITION/ROLE

The Commission is composed of seven members: Claudia Troisi, Chairperson; Robert Neal, Vice Chair; and Commissioners Louise Balma, Stan Bertheaud, Dennis Martinek, Tom Rosales and Jay Scrivener. As stated in City Council Policy No. 300-021, adopted on May 21, 1997, the members of the Planning Commission have the knowledge and experience as citizens of Oceanside to represent the community as a whole in their decisions and recommendations. The Council Policy also includes standards of ethical conduct for the Planning Commission. These standards require the advancement of the public interest; the importance of independence in judgment; openness; and fairness.

III STRUCTURE

The Planning Commission serves under provisions of local ordinance and state law. Its secretary is the City Planner, and principal staff support is provided by the Development Services Department/Planning Division.

From time to time various adhoc sub committees are appointed by the Chair to work on specific issues. In addition, two Commission members serve on the Redevelopment Design Review Committee (RDRC). The Chairperson of the Commission also serves as the Planning Commission representative on the Oceanside Mobilehome Park Financing Authority.

IV GENERAL GOALS AND TASKS

The Planning Commission's primary goal is to consider land use requests and study land use issues in light of the City of Oceanside's General Plan and its elements. The Commission is responsible for land use decisions and recommendations under the auspices of Federal, State, regional and local laws, ordinances and City policies.

The Planning Commission works to improve the quality of life for members of the Oceanside community and makes recommendations and decisions that contribute to the vision that will shape and define the City in the future.

The Commission works strongly and consistently for the enhancement of public participation and knowledge of the planning process.

To carry out its work the Commission conducts approximately 60 public hearings annually on land use applications for Development Plans, Conditional Use Permits, Tentative Maps, Zone Changes and other discretionary actions. The Commission also forms adhoc sub committees to consider advance planning matters that would benefit from early input from the Commissioners and holds public study sessions that serve as educational forums for community members, staff and Commissioners on planning related issues. The Commission meets 24 to 28 times a year.

V SPECIFIC GOALS AND TASKS

1. The Planning Commission shall conduct public hearings and make land use decisions and/or recommendations to the City Council on project applications.
2. The Planning Commission shall hear all sides of any issue before it, by providing a complete opportunity for all interested parties to be heard in a public meeting.
3. The Commission shall conduct an in-depth review and complete public discussion of all projects it hears prior to making any decisions or recommendations.
4. The Commission shall review, affirm and adopt all of the findings required by State law and local regulation for the actions it takes on any projects either for or against.
5. The Commission shall consider all of the environmental documentation provided with a project and make findings based on the mitigation of any negative impacts based on the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
6. The Commission shall continue to place and support conditions on projects to ensure that potential impacts are mitigated appropriately.
7. The Commission shall continue its practice of in-depth review of the architecture, design and landscaping of all development projects to insure their compatibility with and enhancement of the surrounding neighborhoods and the overall community.
8. The Commission shall provide input to the Community Development Commission (CDC) on projects within the Downtown Redevelopment project area as requested by the City Council/CDC through the Redevelopment Design Review Committee (RDRC).

9. During the coming year the Planning Commission is anticipated to discuss and provide input and recommendations on the following projects and work tasks:
 - a) Advance Master Planning Efforts
 - i. Oceanside Blvd Specific Plan - The Planning Commission will hold public workshops/ study sessions to review the Oceanside Boulevard Specific Plan draft(s) and collaborate with the project team and the public in the preparation and refinement of the Specific Plan document.
 - ii. Arts Technology and Environment Overlay District - The Planning Commission will hold public workshop/ study sessions to collaborate with the project team and the public in the preparation and refinement of the Arts Technology and Environment Overlay District document.
 - b) Advance Planning Implementation Efforts
 - i. Coast Highway Community Revitalization Incentives Program - The Planning Commission will hold public workshop/ study sessions to collaborate with the project team and the public in the preparation and refinement of the Coast Highway Community Revitalization Incentives Program.
 - ii. Coast Highway Vision and Strategic Plan Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program - The Planning Commission will hold public workshop/ study sessions to collaborate with the project team and the public in the preparation of the Coast Highway Community Revitalization Incentives Program.
 - c) Community Education - The Planning Commission will hold:
 - i. Climate Change - Presentation/workshop on climate change impacts and related considerations in future planning.
 - ii. CEQA Update - Presentation/workshop on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - iii. Transfer of Development Rights - TDR presentation/ workshop
 - iv. Circulation Element Update - Presentation/workshop on the Circulation Element Update