

**CITY OF EL MIRAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Robert Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. & led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were Robert Jones, Frank Carnal, Brian Crosby, Monica Dorcey and Justin McCarty. City staff present was Jorge Gastelum, Director of Development & Community Services/City Engineer, Jose A. Macias, GIS/Development Services Coordinator (DSC), and Tom Doyle, Economic Development Specialist.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF

There being no changes, Carnal made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 hearing, seconded by Dorcey, and the motion passed with a vote of 5 to 0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. Public hearing, discussion, and recommendation to approve a Zoning Amendment to the City Zoning Code Section §154.101 Fences and Walls (D) Residential Fence and Walls.

No presentation was given by staff; Macias gave a brief history and details for requesting the amendment. Jones opened the public hearing, there being no comments from the public; Jones closed the public hearing and opened the commission member's discussion.

Crosby asked if existing fences are grandfathered. Macias confirmed; yes. McCarty asked what the changes from the old and new ordinance were. Macias answered that the current code does not address chain link fences in front yards and anyone submitting a permit for a chain link fence, the City would have to grant the permit. The new code prevents chain link fences in front yards. Gastelum added that existing chain link fences are grandfathered and they have six months to be replaced if taken down. McCarty asked if the rural area homes are exempt. Macias answered yes.

There being no more comments or questions, a motion was made by Carnal to accept the recommended amendments, Crosby seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

VII. STAFF REPORT

Gastelum reported the following items; 1) Approved Planning and Zoning items at the last City Council meeting. 2) The city has received an application for a general plan amendment. He informed the commission members of the public meeting schedule and time frame. 3) Two commission memberships will expire on June 30, 2014. He included the time schedule for the interview process and informed that a public notification was sent out. 4) YMCA membership drive and opening day of June 1, 2014. Jones asked for updates on the number of memberships. Gastelum replied that they have just about hundred (100) memberships. McCarty asked how many memberships are needed to operate the facility. Gastelum answered that the YMCA has a goal and he did not have the exact number, but believes it's four hundred and that he'll need to confirm.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Crosby asked about the Dairy Queen, Gastelum stated that staff has not received any plans from the architect.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, Robert Jones, adjourned the Commission meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Jose A. Macias, GIS/DSC

Robert Jones, Chairman