

**CITY OF EL MIRAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brandon Forrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. & led the Pledge.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were Frank Carnal, Brandon Forrey, Mary Koestner, and Justin McCarty. [Doug Doede was unable to attend due to work.] Staff present were Deputy Manager Bill Pupo, Senior Planner Mark Smith, and GIS Technician Jose Macias.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Carnal made a motion for approval of the minutes of February 14, 2012. Koestner seconded. Forrey said they were more conversational than formal. Koestner said they reflected the way the applicant spoke and the Commission let him talk. The motion passed 2 to 0 with 2 abstentions.

IV. CONTINUANCES [None]

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation & Discussion on Proposed Design Standards

Smith showed a presentation illustrating proposed standards for each of the General Plan Planning Areas and asked whether the Commission thought that they should be guidelines or requirements and whether they liked them by areas or not. The consensus was that they should be required of new development but not on existing uses and that they were best presented by areas even if they seemed somewhat redundant.

VI. STAFF'S REPORT

Smith reported that City Council approved the code amendment limiting billboards but tabled the code amendment limiting livestock in RA. Staff is working with Trent on appropriate uses for her properties along Grand and also with Hermosillo [CBS Outdoor site] & Hanna [auto-related business]. Pueblo El Mirage Resort in requesting amendments to their plan and Rio Mirage requested additional parking on the stone motel site to the east.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS [None]

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by McCarty seconded by Carnal which passed unanimously.

Mark L. Smith, Senior Planner

Brandon Forrey, Vice Chairman