

**TWENTYNINE PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6136 ADOBE ROAD  
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER-** Chair Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Easter led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**ROLL CALL-** The following Commissioners were present: Alderson, Caplinger, Mintz, Rinkes, Easter.
- 2.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Easter announced this meeting will be televised on Cable TV Channel 10 Monday, August 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, August 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3.0 MINUTES**
- 3.1 July 7, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- On a motion made by Commissioner Caplinger, seconded by Commissioner Alderson and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Planning Commission approved the minutes as presented.
- 4.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION** - None
- 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Fred Haas, Twentynine Palms, said there needed to be more public participation and comment at the Planning Commission meetings. He said the City needed to provide incentive for people to express their concerns in the City. He said the new hotels being built in the City were beautiful.
- Stephen Dutt, Twentynine Palms, encouraged the public to attend the General Plan meetings and to take the online survey regarding the General Plan at [www.29palmsgeneralplan.com](http://www.29palmsgeneralplan.com).
- 6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- 6.1 None
- 7.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- 7.1 Development Code Amendment Status Report.
- Community Development Director LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a brief Memorandum to the Planning Commission regarding the Development Code Amendment Status Report.
- 8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 8.1 Vacation Home Rentals – Discussion of setting time and date for future Study Session.

Director LaClaire presented a brief staff report to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission felt this item was warranted further discussion and wanted to see how people in the community felt about the issue.

Consensus of the Planning Commission was to cancel the regular Planning Commission meeting on September 1, 2009 due to lack of quorum and to reschedule the meeting to September 2, 2009 to a special meeting to hold a study session for this item.

## **9.0 COMMISSION COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Rinkes said she was sorry to see Chair Easter leaving. She said Smoketree Automotive had done a good job on cleaning up their business area. She said the Marriott had done a tremendous job on their new hotel in the City and thanked them for a job well done.

Commissioner Mintz said they would miss Chair Easter and wished him luck on his endeavors.

Commissioner Caplinger thanked Chair Easter for his time and wished him the best of luck.

Commissioner Alderson said it was good working with Chair Easter for the brief time he had been on the Planning Commission.

Chair Easter said he is resigning from the Planning Commission effective August 17, 2009 because a new opportunity to go back to College. He said he will miss being on the Planning Commission and he has enjoyed being on the Commission. He noted that a new Chair would need to be appointed.

Commissioner Caplinger suggested waiting until the new person is appointed to the Planning Commission to select the Chair.

The Planning Commission agreed with Commissioner Caplinger's suggestion to select a new Chair once a new person was seated on the Commission.

## **10.0 STUDY SESSION**

### **10.1 Farmer's Market standards and criteria.**

Director LaClaire presented a staff report to the Planning Commission regarding potential standards for a Farmer's Market.

Dr. Robert Ellis, said he is a Farmer who manages a market for Yucca Valley. He said the Market should be centrally located and that he would like an Open Air Market as well. He suggested entertainment being at the Market.

Vola Strults, Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of the Farmer's Market and she said it was time for Twentynine Palms to have its own Farmers Market and said she was willing to assist in the process in any way she could. She suggested twenty (20) vendors at a minimum.

Jeri Hagman, Twentynine Palms, spoke in the favor of the Farmer's Market. She said research shows that the City wants arts and crafts separate from the Farmer's Market.

Richard Bannic, Twentynine Palms, said he is a food facilities designer and he participates in writing codes and laws. He said there must be restrooms at the Farmer's Market.

Vickie Waite, Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of the Farmer's Market and said she has wanted this for years.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT-** Chair Easter adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Palmer, Deputy City Clerk