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**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of
Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frierman-Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Frierman-Hunt, Vice Chair Spears Commissioners Buckles, Desai, Hinton, Hutt, Pevsner

Staff: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Leticia Cardoso, Planning Manager
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
Theresa Highsmith, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hutt moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Spears seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2017

Commissioner Desai moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Buckles seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chair Spears and Commissioners Hinton and Pevsner abstained due to absence.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMIT 16-01

Address: 126 East Mira Monte Avenue

Applicant: William and Anastasia Kefalas

(Continued from April 20, 2017)

Director Gonzalez delivered the staff report in which he stated that the applicant had requested a continuance to May 18, 2017.

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46 Chair Frierman-Hunt inquired about the Commissions option to deny any further
47 continuances. City Attorney Highsmith explained that given the applicant's desire to
48 move the project forward, and their desire to allow the City Council to hear the matter,
49 procedurally the Council can only call an action for review. Given that the Commission
50 has not yet taken any action, there would be nothing for Council to review at this time.
51 City Attorney Highsmith explained that it is her understanding that the applicant has new
52 information regarding the historic report.

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54 Vice Chair Spears stated that he would like to request a very detailed staff report
55 detailing the path that brought the Commission here. Perhaps even a power point
56 presentation.

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58 City Attorney Highsmith confirmed that it sounds like Commission would be more
59 comfortable with continuing the matter to June 1, 2017 to allow for staff to do a thorough
60 review of all materials and provide a detailed staff report.

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62 The Commission agreed by consensus to continue this matter to June 1, 2017.

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64 **Action: Vice Chair Spears moved to continue Discretionary Demolition Permit 16-**
65 **01 to June 1, 2017. Commissioner Pevsner seconded. Motion carried**
66 **unanimously.**

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68 **2. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.10 (MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND**
69 **DISPENSARIES)**

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71 Director Gonzalez delivered the staff report.

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73 The Commission expressed concern about giving direction to Council on this matter and
74 being overruled as it had happened in the past. The Commission agreed by consensus
75 to request a study session and policy direction from Council.

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77 **ACTION: Vice Chair Spears moved to request City Council to review and provide**
78 **further direction and continue to a date uncertain. Commissioner Hutt seconded.**
79 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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82 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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84 **Audience**

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86 None.

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88 **Planning Commission**

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90 Vice Chair Spears reminded everyone that there is a forecast of rain this weekend,
91 please turn off lawn sprinklers.

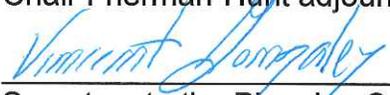
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93 Commissioner Hutt reported that the R3 subcommittee met last week.
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95 **Planning & Community Preservation Staff**
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97 Director Gonzalez stated that on the May 18, 2017 that the Commission could continue
98 to consider R3 Amendments, and at the June 1, 2017 meeting the Commission will
99 review the 126 E. Mira Monte matter.

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101 Vice Chair Spears commended staff on the ongoing Municipal Code clean up.
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104 Chair Frierman-Hunt adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:43 p.m.
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107 Secretary to the Planning Commission
108 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation