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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN CONWAY.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMISSIONER BAYER led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: O'Day, Southwell, Bayer, Rein, Golida, Scott, Chairman Conway  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Planning Director Wahba, Assistant Planner Masters.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER BAYER moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER SCOTT,

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2008.

There being no objection, CHAIRMAN CONWAY so ordered.

5. **AUDIENCE ITEMS**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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Assistant Planner Masters gave a brief Staff Report, as per written material, and recommended approval with conditions.

COMMISSIONER REIN and Planning Director Wahba discussed replanting of the slope and the drainage swale, which will be addressed by Building & Safety.

At CHAIRMAN CONWAY'S invitation, Richard Somers (joint applicant) came forward and clarified for the Commission that this is a joint application, and Planning Director Wahba confirmed. Richard Lundquist (joint applicant) and Ken Deppe (KCD Hillside Constructors in Placentia) also came forward for questions.

COMMISSIONER GOLIDA asked about the status of the slope after the most recent rains, and Mr. Lundquist responded that the rains were minor, but work does need to get started right away.

COMMISSIONERS GOLIDA and BAYER discussed landscaping plans with the applicants and suggested that it be water wise.

COMMISSIONER O'DAY asked about dirt, and Mr. Lundquist advised the Commission that the two properties would net each other out.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT discussed the timeline with the applicant.

COMMISSIONER O'DAY moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER BAYER,

TO APPROVE PA-28-08 WITH CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

AYES: O'Day, Southwell, Bayer, Rein, Golida, Scott, Chairman Conway  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Planning Director Wahba explained the 20-day appeal period.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

9. COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER O'DAY asked for an update on the property at the corner of Conestoga and Estribo Drives, and Planning Director Wahba responded that it has been referred to the City Prosecutor, who is exploring the next step.

COMMISSIONER BAYER asked for an update on the house on Bluemound. Planning Director Wahba responded that the project is still ongoing, and COMMISSIONER BAYER advised that she hasn't seen any activity.

COMMISSIONER BAYER commented on the planting recently done at the entryway to Rollingwood. It is water wise and very nicely done by a member of the community, who is a landscape architect. The Environmental Committee is also moving along and will put out a pamphlet for City.

COMMISSIONER CONWAY reminded the Commission to please go out and vote.

10. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Planning Director Wahba advised the Commission of Dave Pierson's party on November 6 at 12:00 noon for serving the city for 30 years and asked for RSVPs. It was agreed that COMMISSIONER BAYER would represent the Commission at the party.

Planning Director Wahba advised that the next meeting will be a heavier agenda with two second-story additions on Empty Saddle Road and at the corner of Dapplegray and Buckskin.

COMMISSIONERS GOLIDA and SCOTT discussed the Silverdes project with Planning Director Wahba.

COMMISSIONER REIN and Planning Director Wahba then discussed a situation with an equestrian boarder boarding at several sites.

11. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS (OCTOBER 28, 2008).

COMMISSIONER BAYER moved, and COMMISSIONER O'DAY seconded,  
TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM 11A.

There being no objection, CHAIRMAN CONWAY so ordered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. CHAIRMAN CONWAY adjourned the Planning Commission meeting to November 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

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Julie Cremeans  
Minutes Secretary

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Douglas R. Prichard  
City Clerk