

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
**DRAFT PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*Approved as October 11, 2011 by 4-0-2 vote*

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521**

**August 23, 2011**  
**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

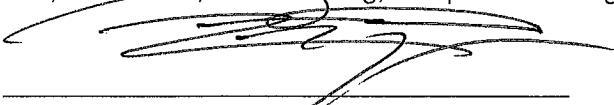
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- I. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners Present: Robert Flint (Chair), Julie Vaissade-Elcock (Vice Chair), Chuck Giannini, Judith Mayer, and Daniel Tangney. Currently, there are two vacancies on the Planning Commission.
- II. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.** Mr. Gasparas suggested the City provide recycling containers at additional locations to make recycling more convenient.
- III. **CONSENT CALENDAR.**
  - A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**
    1. Approve Minutes of August 9, 2011 – Commissioner Mayer removed the minutes from the consent calendar, requested minor modifications, and moved to approve as amended. The motion was seconded by Giannini, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**
  - A. **SaiCenter Use Permit (File # 090-024-UP).** The commission opened the hearing, accepted public testimony, and continued the item to September 27, 2011 on motion by Vaissade-Elcock, second by Giannini, and a 4-0 vote, Tangney having recused himself from the item. Mr. Gasparas requested the Commission provide a vote for approval based on the application materials and his record as an existing business. He provided arguments for how his operations comply with the special considerations, and offered that he would accept a temporary permit to expire in 12 months if the Commission determined he was not operating in an appropriate manner. Other public members testified that his operation at the K Street location did not meet the test for the special considerations. The Commission asked questions of the applicant, including whether the main source of marijuana was the Redding cultivation facility; applicant responded in the affirmative; whether the Redding cultivation facility was permitted; applicant responded in the affirmative; and asked why this contradicted his application; applicant stated that he met with the Redding police chief who has no problems with his operation and that he has a verbal permit.
- V. **BUSINESS ITEMS.**
  - A. **City of Arcata Local Coastal Program (LCP).** Staff provided a brief update on the City's application status
- VI. **CORRESPONDENCE.**
- VII. **COMMISSION / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS.**
  - A. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS.
  - B. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS.
    1. **Upcoming Agenda Items – Consider reestablishing this agenda item.** Commission generally agreed this would be a good idea.
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT. 8:25 p.m.**

Arcata Municipal Code Section 2204.B Commissions. If any member of a commission is absent for four regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, the secretary to the commission shall certify that fact to the Council and the Council shall thereafter declare the position on the commission to be vacant.

2011 Meetings	Jan 11	Jan 25	Feb 8	Feb 22	Mar 8	Mar 22	Apr 12	Apr 26	May 10	May 24	Jun 14	Jun 28	Jul 12	Jul 26	Aug 9	Aug 23	Sep 13	Sep 27	Oct 11	Oct 25	Nov 8	Nov 22	Dec 13	Dec 27
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Robert Flint	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X								
Chuck Giannini	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X								
Vacant																								
Judith Mayer	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	O	S	O	X	X								
Daniel Tangney	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	O	X	X								
Julie Vaissade-Elcock	X	X	X	X	X	O	*	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X	X								

Note: Chair Flint; Vice Chair Vaissade-Elcock. Staff Liaisons: David Loya/Joe Mateer  
 X = present; O = absent; \* = no meeting; S = special meeting (not considered regular attendance)

Attest:   
 David Loya, Deputy Director