

MINUTES

GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY
APRIL 21, 2015



GRIDLEY CITY HALL
685 KENTUCKY STREET
GRIDLEY, CA 95948

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
ROLL CALL

CHAIR O'BRIEN
RECORDING SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:15 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair O'Brien.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present:

Shirley O'Brien
Robert Thomas
Robert Wise
Herman Sunderman

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Donna Decker, City Planner/Consultant

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 1.1 **Approval of Planning Commission minutes dated January 20, 2015 and February 24, 2015.**

The minutes were continued to the next meeting; no action was taken.

2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

3. **INFORMATIONAL –**

- 3.1 **Update on Daddow Park**

Ms. Decker informed the Planning Commission of the status of the park design, features, timeline and scope of work. She elaborated on the actions of the City Council directing staff to continue the process and finalize the design of the park.

Planning Commissioner Sunderman noted that he believed that the preparation of a plan for approval is of utmost importance and expressed dissatisfaction that work had been started on the trees without one. Commissioner Wise agreed; however, he also noted that staff has been communicating with the public and with the City Council for direction.

Ms. Decker confirmed that the design was altered considerably with the change to remove the bandshell element and retain the gazebo. She was confident that the design development would continue more smoothly and welcomed public input in the process.

Ms. Janie Daddow spoke on behalf of the Daddow Family and expressed her support of the improvements that would be made, however, she also noted so many businesses are closing. She was concerned about how the community is heard and noted that a plaque would be a good idea to recognize all those who helped fund the gazebo in the 1970's as well as volunteers she believed would be a part of the project. She was pleased that Nick Daddow would continue to be remembered. Ms. Daddow described her concern that a plan was not available for the community. She asked if the Dit Biggs fountain would remain. Commissioner Wise responded that he believed that it would. Ms. Debbie Swanson asked if WiFi would be put in if the park. During the discussion of the fountain, Ms. Swanson noted that in the 1930's, Mr. E.E. Biggs donated funds for the fountain.

Commissioner Wise and O'Brien asked if the fountain could be repurposed or modified. Ms. Decker responded that the fountain would be repurposed and maintained in the park. Ms. Van de Hay informed the Planning Commission of the history.

Ms. Daddow asked about where a plaque could be placed. Commissioner Wise described the process to place names on a plaque to be a part of the fountain.

Ms. Decker also noted that the fountain could become a flagpole also. Ms. Swanson noted that the plaque at Railroad Park had been stolen and not replaced.

Commissioner Thomas queried how the design will accommodate new power supply and the locations it might be. Ms. Decker responded that the Gridley Electric Department is considering the best layout for the uses. The Commission continued discussion of the facilities that exist in the park, in the railroad right of way, and where electrical poles should go.

3.2 Variance Process Discussion

Ms. Decker presented information reflecting the variance process and provided handouts for the Planning Commissioners. She noted that variances require findings and outlined the types and the process to make the findings.

4. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM - None

5. REGULAR AGENDA - None

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS –

7. ADJOURNMENT – At 7:40 p.m. the Planning Commission adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Approval: _____
Donna Decker, City Planner/Consultant, DES LLC