

**CITY OF FIRCREST PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 6, 2015
6:00 PM

Fircrest City Hall
115 Ramsdell Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karen Patjens called the regular meeting of the Fircrest Planning Commission to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, Karen Patjens, Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness were present. Absent: None. Excused: None. Staff present: Principal Planner Jeff Boers and Permit Coordinator/Code Compliance Officer Angelie Stahlnecker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2014 were presented for approval.

Moved by Foss and seconded by Otness to approve the minutes. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, Karen Patjens, Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Noes: None. Absent: None. Excused: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015

Moved by Otness and seconded by McVay that Patjens continue as chair for 2015. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, Karen Patjens, Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Noes: None. Excused: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Patjens and seconded by Otness that Foss continue as Vice-Chair for 2015. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, Karen Patjens, Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Noes: None. Excused: None. Motion Carried.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

2015 GMA Update – Introduction and Community Character

Principal Planner Jeff Boers introduced the draft Introduction Chapter and draft Community Character (CC) Element.

Discussion included the following:

- Use of the wording “adequate” housing
- The term “complete streets”
- A request to add definition of “complete streets” to Transportation Element
- The intent of the Vision Statement
- Listing the 14 GMA goals verbatim is a State recommendation
- The applicability of Countywide Planning Policies
- Changes in the wording of the Public Participation section
- The Quality of Life Element has been replaced with the Community Character Element
- Neither element is a requirement under GMA but the CC Element addresses some issues required to be addressed under the GMA
- The CC element includes design goals and historic resource opportunities.

Moved by Foss and seconded by Otness to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, Karen Patjens, Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Noes: None. Absent: None. Excused: None. Motion carried.



Karen Patjens, Planning Commission Chair



Jeff Boers, Principal Planner