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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DEL REY OAKS PLANNING
COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
CHARLIE BENSON MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Commissioner Thayer, Clarke, Zuccaro, Hayworth, Weir, Lucido and
Chairman Jaksha

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Buchert and Assistant Deputy City Clerk
Minami

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Clarke to approve:

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Seconded by Commissioner Lucido

No public comment was received

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUILDING REPORT: Accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission did not consider **Item 6.A.** Sergio and Athena Bindel, ARC 307-09, 977 Angelus Way, APN #012-571-22,: Requesting Architectural review to add 8ft. of cement to existing driveway, to provide turn around space. Total proposed driveway width will be 23ft. All colors and materials to match existing.

Assistant City Attorney Buchert: After reviewing the proposed driveway, staff has come to the conclusion that it does not need Architectural review, and they will refund the fee. Chapter 17.56 scope of power in the Municipal code, states that driveways are excluded in design review. Excuses Athena Bindel from meeting.

Chairman Jaksha: The city driveway (on the way to the Bindel residence) is cracked, and wants to make sure the city fixes it.

The Commission considered **Item 6.B.** Frank Lucido Jr., ARC #07-08, 2 Saucito Ave., APN #012-503-01,: Requesting Architectural Review for approval by the City to build retaining walls and walkways within the extensions of the boundary of Lot 1 and the curb lines of Carlton Drive and Saucito Ave., which include the “park strip” and are City property. Long-term use of City-owned property may be allowed subject to the provisions of Chapter 12.12 of the Municipal Code and the decision to allow such use is made by the City Council.

In accordance with those provisions, the matter has been referred to the Commission for recommendation to the Council which will then take the final action.

Commissioner Lucido stepped down from the dais, to present the project.

Commissioner Hayworth stepped down from dais, and left the chamber due to the proximity of the project and his own home.

Frank Lucido, Jr.: Presenting tonight as the owner of 2 Saucito Ave. and *not* a Planning Commissioner. Began landscaping years ago at Saucito Ave. and Work Ave. and then realized the need for a permit because of the park strip belonging to the city. The walls will terrace. Some walls will be lower than others, depending on the slope of the land. The biggest tree will be planted on the corner of Carlton and Work, either an Oak or a fruitless olive tree.

Commissioner Thayer: Very professional presentation and sure it will look great. Needs to look at a reduction in width on Carlton, should be 4 feet for cars to turn around.

Assistant City Attorney Buchert: Does staff have any recommendations from the City Engineer.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Minami: The only comment Clayton Neill gave was that the 2 feet between wall and street go to 4 feet, for pedestrians. But that is not an official recommendation.

Frank Lucido Jr.: There isn't any room there now, but will coordinate with City Engineer and Chief of Police regarding anything that the commission suggests.

Commissioner Clarke: Line of vision, on the corner, will that be a problem?

Commissioner Zuccaro: Need for a wider walkway, 2 feet is enough.

Frank Lucido Jr.: Better to have 4 feet, that was what he was originally planning, and then went with 2 feet because of cost, ultimately 4 feet will look better. If it is decided, then that is fine.

Commissioner Weir: What part is owned by the city? Favors approval, likes it.

Chairman Jaksha: Concerned about roots.

Frank Lucido Jr.: The fruitless olive tree will not be a problem of roots.

Chairman Jaksha: If we approve 4 feet and you make it beautiful, maybe the city will take a hint and clean up the park strip.

Motion by Commissioner Thayer to recommend that the City Council approve the long-term use of City property pursuant to Municipal Code 12.12 as shown on the plans subject to any requirements from the City Engineer and Chief of Police, seconded by Commissioner Clarke.

No public comment was received.

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Commissioner Weir to approve Item #6.B., ARC #07-08, seconded by Commissioner Zuccaro.

No public comment was received.

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Lucido and Commissioner Hayworth return to the dais.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hayworth: He will be in the Santa Catalina's production of the Nut Cracker on Dec. 22 and 23.

7:45P.M. – Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Approved

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