

**City of Madras  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Official Minutes  
February 18, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

The City of Madras Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Brown at 7:08 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the Madras City Hall Council Chambers.

**Members in Attendance were:**

Chair Brown; Commissioners: Lynn Kowaleski; James Neff and Shelly Tack

**Members Absent:**

Michelle Varley

**Vacancy:**

Currently there were two planning commission vacancies.

**Staff Members in Attendance were:**

Community Development Director Nick Snead and Community Development Specialist Tammy McHaney.

**Visitors**

No Visitors.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**a. Adoption of Agenda**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA BY COMMISSIONER TACK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEFF AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. Visitors Comments**

There were no visitors present.

**IV. Public Hearing**

**b. El Dorado Subdivision**

Director Snead presented a letter from the applicant's engineer Darrin Eckman. Mr. Eckman on behalf of William Hoffman the applicant was requesting the public hearing to be continued till March 18, 2009.

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KOWALESKI TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON EL DORADO ESTATES SUBDIVISION FILE #SD-08-5 TO MARCH 18, 2009. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TACK AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Snead clarified that historically this Commission had not received a staff report as well as a recommended findings and decision on applications presented to them. He explained that State law requires him to provide both.

He informed the Commission his understanding was that the applicant of this subdivision and their engineer had significant concerns with staff's recommendations and that was the reason for the continuance. He noted he was not aware of what those issues were but a meeting was being scheduled in the near future to resolve those issues prior to the next public hearing.

He noted that if there are any changes he would provide a new staff report as well as a new recommendation on the findings and decision.

**V. Additional Discussion**

Director Snead presented a publication called The Commissioner which is published by the American Planning Association.

He continued and informed the Commission that he would be taking the American Institute of Certified Planners examination in May and that the Association highly recommends reading the planning magazine as that provides updated case law and current trends.

A general discussion took place about current projects and it was noted that most building activity was commercial. Nick notified the Members that the improvements to Bard Lane had been placed on the State's economic stimulus package.

**VI. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

  
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Tom Brown, Chair

  
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Tammy McHaney, Community Development Spec.