



Community Development News

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING

ASSOCIATION FALL CONVENTION

Several members of the City of Pearland Planning Department attended the Annual Convention of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association held in Galveston from October 7-10, 2009. Pearland Planning & Zoning Commissioners Susan Sherrouse and Neil West also attended. This convention always includes presentations and workshops intended specifically for Planning Commissioners. Topics discussed included Galveston's recovery from Hurricane Ike, alternative transportation systems such as bikeways, and green development.

LAND USE STUDY UPDATE

The Planning and Zoning Commission wrapped up their discussion on the Future Land Use Plan and will be presenting their recommendations to the City Council on November 9, 2009 at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission include proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code, Comprehensive Plan, Thoroughfare Plan, and Future Land Use Map.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Planning Department staff participated in the Fall Keep Pearland Beautiful Community Cleanup by performing their semi-annual cleanup of Pearland Parkway between John Lizer and Oiler Drive on the evening of September 17.

PLANNING DAY PRESENTATION

Planning Department staff hosted their twelfth Planning Day on the morning of September 22, 2009 in the Pearland Community Center. Richard Keller, Plans and Plat Administrator, made a presentation on Unified Development Code Amendment T-11 as it relates to development plats followed by Planner Tim Chi's presentation on the amendment's provisions dealing with M-1 and M-2 zones. 27 persons were in attendance including Mayor Tom Reid, Councilman Scott Sherman, representatives of the development community, and various City staff members. Refreshments were served and door prizes awarded.

CITY STAFF BECOME LEED ASSOCIATES

Two members of the City of Pearland staff, Ed Grossenheider, Parks & Building Maintenance Superintendent, and Lata Krishnarao, Planning Director, have become LEED Green Associates. LEED stands for Leadership in Emerging Environmental Design. LEED Green Associates are professionals demonstrating green building expertise in design, construction, and operations. City Council has adopted two Green Building Resolutions. One resolution declares Pearland as a "green city" committed to achieving sustainability goals and the other adopts a "Green Building Policy". Parks and Planning Departments will be working to incorporate some Green Principles into the Unified Development Code.

3rd Quarterly Report 2009 July-Sept 2009

FY 2009	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Totals
<u>Joint Public Hearings</u> <u>Totals</u>	2	3	4	9
Zone Changes	1	1	1	3
Conditional Use Permits	1	2	2	5
Planned Developments	0	0	1	1
ZBA Cases	0	0	0	0
Pre-Development Meetings	16	13	12	41
<u>Plat Approvals:</u> <u>Total</u>	3	5	5	13
Final	0	1	5	6
Preliminary	1	0	0	1
Minor	2	4	5	11
Amending	0	0	0	0
Replat	0	0	0	0
Zoning Map/Text Amendments/Comp Plan	0	0	0	0
Site Plans reviewed	20	17	26	63
Number of Commercial reviews for Certificates of Occupancy, Permits and Build outs reviewed	49	38	25	112
Number of Single Family Residential Plans reviewed	63	73	59	195
Sign Permits reviewed	33	28	15	76
Development Review Committee <u>Total</u>	10	0	15	25

Planning Department Special Projects	July	August	Sept
• Adoption of 2000T-11 on July 27, 2009	*		
• Land Use Plan Study Workshop with Planning & Zoning Commission	*	*	*
• Community Development Newsletter	*		
• Team Training - Management Connection	*	*	*
• Population update	*		
• Cullen Mixed Use-Garden/O'Day Mixed Use (C- MU/GO-MU) Inventory of Land Uses	*		
• Zoning Violations inspected	*	*	*
• Urban Land Institute (ULI) Award			*
• 2010 Census		*	*
• Code Enforcement Training			*
• Color Palette		*	
• Planning Excellence Award		*	

BUILDING PERMITS DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2009

PERMITS ISSUED	THIS PERIOD	SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR
Residential	195	293
Garage Sale	679	509
Banner	23	15
Plumbing	418	461
Electrical	444	592
Site Work	5	7
Commercial	11	11
Mechanical	340	432
Swimming Pool	25	44
Moving/Placement	9	5
Demolition	11	6
Tenant Occupancies	56	30
Signs	61	118
Residential Additions/Alterations	224	41
Commercial Additions/Alterations	43	10
Commercial Build outs	22	21
TOTALS	2,566	2,595
BUILDING INSPECTIONS		
Building	2,444	3,402
Electrical	1,480	2,033
Mechanical	679	665
Plumbing	2,090	2,763
Tenant Occupancies	56	41
Swimming Pool	119	207
Miscellaneous/Others	285	145
TOTALS	7,153	9,256
HEALTH CERTIFICATES		
New Health Certificates	28	22
Renewals	5	0
TOTALS	33	22
FOOD HANDLERS CARDS		
New Food Handlers Cards	682	189
Renewals	17	0
TOTALS	699	189
HEALTH INSPECTIONS		
Mobile Unit Inspections	5	1
Health Establishment Inspections	164	178
Health Code Inspections	36	43
TOTALS	205	222
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Complaints	789	417
Court Summons	18	2
Inspection Follow Ups	564	296
Citations	18	30
TOTALS	1,389	745

BUILDERS' FORUM

City of Pearland's Inspection Services Department (ISD) conducted a Builder's Forum on September 29, 2009. The purpose of this Forum was to introduce builders and development customers to new and existing staff and review development processes for all community development. The meeting, with over 60 in attendance, was well attended by both staff and development customers. David Whittaker, Chief Building Official (CBO), would like to thank all departments involved and especially the Parks and Recreation Department for helping to make the Forum a success.

During the week of September 21 through September 25, 2009, the City of Pearland Code Enforcement Supervisor Edgar Hinojosa and Officers hosted a Basic Code Enforcement Officers Training Class at the Public Works Department Training Room. Thirty officers from across the Bay Area were in attendance. Representing the City of Pearland were Deputy Building Official Mike Ingalsbe, Permit Tech Marissa Vasquez, Planning Technician Ian Clowes, and Utility Clerk Nell Mathis. By hosting this class the City of Pearland may have opened the door to future opportunities for hosting similar training opportunities.

Congratulations to Code Enforcement Officers Leticia Garcia and Darlene Estrada who attended a training seminar in Frisco, Texas during October 12-14, 2009. They both attained Intermediate Code Enforcement Officer certification from the TEEX sponsored class.

Building Inspectors Anthony Newsom, Brad Marks, Joe Lanningham, Kevin Taylor, Permit Tech Supervisor Elizabeth Ayala, Code Enforcement Supervisor Edgar Hinojosa, and Code Enforcement Officers Leticia Garcia and Ruben Garcia all received training and certification from Gastite, a corrugated stainless steel gas piping system. Congratulations to Building Inspector Joe Lanningham who received two ICC Certifications, one for Commercial Plumbing Inspector and one for Residential Plumbing Inspector. David Whittaker, CBO, received the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Plumbing Inspector certification on September 17, 2009.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



A new graffiti ordinance provisions requires that the city will offer property owners to remove graffiti on their property for free. If property owner rejects the offer it becomes the property owners responsibility and the city can then remove the graffiti and charge expenses to property owners.

For more information contact Lettie Garcia, Code enforcement officer @ (281) 652-1640



Meet our health / code enforcement section from left to right, Edgar H. Hinojosa, Darlene Estrada, Leticia Garcia and Ruben Garcia Jr.

Should you have any health or code enforcement concerns please feel free to contact our complaint line (281) 652-1766.

Join us in saying good-bye to Edgar Hinojosa who will be leaving the City of Pearland on November 13.