

**CITY OF TAFT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
April 14, 2009**

The April 14, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Taft City Planning Commission, held in the Civic Center Council Chamber, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California, was called to order at [6:34:36 PM](#). Commissioner Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill LeBarron of First Congregational Church gave the invocation.

PRESENT: Chairman Barry Jameson.  
Planning Commissioners Shawn Sutherland and Robert Thompson.  
Acting Community Development Director Paul Gorte, City Attorney Kathy Gibson and Acting Secretary Alina Megerdom.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Curtis Walchock, Planning Commissioner Craig Laurin.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2009 Regular Meeting  
Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

Motion: Moved by Thompson, seconded by Sutherland, to approve the minutes.

AYES: Thompson, Sutherland, and Jameson  
NOES: None  
APPROVED: 3-0

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

**1. 2009 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Recommendation – Motion to designate April 24, 2009, as Arbor Day in Taft.

Acting Secretary Megerdom presented the staff report.

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson, to designate April 24, 2009, as Arbor Day in Taft.

APPROVED: 3-0

**PLANNING DIRECTOR STATEMENTS**

Gorte reminded the Planning Commissioners about the UCLA Extension Planning Commissioners Training program in Los Angeles on April 16, 2009. He also stated that next Tuesday night, April 21, 2009, is the appeal hearing for Conditional Use Permit 09-02 at City Council meeting. Gorte recommended that someone from the Planning Commission be present at the meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

All the Commissioners expressed their condolences to Walchock on his loss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at [6:40:17 PM](#)