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City Council Reappoints Planning Commissioner Tara Ceseña and David Alaniz

Grand Terrace – The City Council reappointed Tara Ceseña and David Alaniz to the City’s Planning Commission during its July 14, 2020 City Council meeting. The Planning Commission is the local authority to regulate land use and address zoning related issues within the City of Grand Terrace. The City had two (2) vacancies on the Commission, as Commissioners Ceseña and Alaniz’s terms expired on June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Ceseña had served on the Planning Commission for eight (8) years and was originally appointed in 2014 and again in 2016. “I just wanted to thank everybody for letting me do this job for another four years, it’s hard but I love it. Thank you and I appreciate the City for allowing me to work for them”, said Commissioner Ceseña during commissioner comments at the July 16, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Alaniz’s reappointment represents the second time within the last six (6) months. Mr. Alaniz was originally appointed to fill a vacancy created when Planning Commissioner Tom Comstock retired. While Commissioner Alaniz’s original appointment was February 2020, he impressed the City Council and received a unanimous reappointment. Mr. Alaniz thanked the Council for the opportunity and said, “I have learned a lot about what I want to do, about the vision of the City and how I want to play my part and be able to help out with that vision.”

Both commissioners had little time to celebrate. They were appointed on Tuesday July 14, 2020 and jumped right back into action as the Planning Commission had a scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

The Planning Commission is one of several committees and commissions where citizens can be involved. However, the Planning Commission is the only paid Committee/Commission within the City. Commissioners receive a small monthly stipend. The City also has a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Historical and Cultural Activities Committee and Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). Residents interested in joining a committee or commission, should visit the City Clerk's webpage at https://www.grandterrace-ca.gov/departments/city_clerks_office to learn of future vacancies. The City Clerk also post vacancies in our local newspaper. For further questions about committees or commissions, you may contact the City Clerk's office at (909) 824-6621 x230.

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