

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on December 19, 2007.

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Rosa Perez, Veronica Lopez, and Chairman Andy Molina; Absent: Commissioner Marial Sanders (declared excused). Also present were: Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2007, as submitted. Motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Lopez, Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Sanders; Abstain: Commissioner Perez.

Motion by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 5, 2007, as submitted. Motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Perez, Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Sanders; Abstain: Commissioner Lopez.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1862-DP/VAR: Request by Jose Zepeda for approval of a Development Permit and Variance to add 4,676 sq. ft. to an existing building and to permit the use of a substandard driveway as well as the addition of a second driveway on a substandard parcel at 6725 Seville Avenue within the Pacific Village (PV) Zone.

Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista presented the Administrative Report for Case No. 1862-DP/VAR, which included the Municipal Code Requirements and Required Findings for a Development Permit and Variance, Administrative Comments and Analysis, and Recommendations. Mr. Bautista stated that the proposed second driveway would provide improved and safer vehicle circulation on the site. Mr. Bautista added that the second driveway could only be allowed through the granting of a Variance and, as conditioned, approval of the Variance would allow the expansion and continued use without affecting adjacent properties. Mr. Bautista further added that the proposed office building would improve the aesthetics in the area and that Planning Division staff recommended the approval of Case No. 1862-DP/VAR, subject to Conditions Nos. 1-27 as outlined in staff's report.

Chairman Molina declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 1862-DP/VAR. Mr. Jose Zepeda (6728 Seville Ave., Huntington Park, CA), applicant, came forward to speak in favor of the request, and stated that he wished to continue his business operation in the City of Huntington Park.

After a brief discussion and with no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 1862-DP/VAR, Chairman Molina declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1862-DP/VAR, subject to Condition Nos. 1-27 as outlined in staff's report. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Perez, Lopez, and Chairman Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Sanders.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Planning Manager Bautista informed the Commissioners that staff will present to the Commission a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the City's Northwest Area Specific Plan at the second meeting of January 2008.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary