

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Huntington Park Planning Commission held on October 17, 2012**

Chairman Carvajal called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present: Commissioners Juan Anaya, Laura Herrera, Eddie Benitez, and Chairman Eddie Carvajal; Absent: Commissioner Veronica Lopez. Also present: Senior Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2012. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Herrera, Benitez, and Chairman Carvajal; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Lopez.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

(Senior Planner Albert Fontanez requested to reverse the order of the public hearings as listed on the meeting agenda for the benefit of the applicant of Case No. 1956-CUP.)

CASE NO. 1956-CUP: Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the expansion of an existing church located at 2563 Clarendon Avenue, within the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan (DTSP) District C – Neighborhood Zone.

Senior Planner Albert Fontanez stated that there were pending items in connection with the plans and design of the proposed church expansion; therefore, staff was recommending that a Special Meeting be scheduled for November 7, 2012, and to continue the public hearing to said Special Meeting in order to present an improved project design to the Commission.

Chairman Carvajal declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak for or against Case No. 1956-CUP.

Pastor Concepcion Roque (Ministerios "Mahanaim," 2563 Clarendon Ave., Huntington Park), applicant, came forward and stated that he was agreeable to staff's

recommendation to continue the public hearing to a Special Meeting on November 7, 2012.

With no one else coming forward to speak, it was so ordered by Commissioner Carvajal to continue the public hearing for Case No. 1956-CUP to a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on November 7, 2012.

CASE NO. 1958-ZOA: A resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance to repeal Title 9, Chapter 5 (Subdivisions) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code in its entirety and to establish Title 10 (Subdivisions) within the Huntington Park Municipal Code.

Senior Planner Fontanez reviewed the Administrative Report, which included the Administrative Comments and Analysis. Mr. Fontanez stated that although the current Zoning Code does not provide provisions for Lot Line Adjustments, Parcel Mergers, and Certificates of Compliance, property owners have used the Tentative Parcel Map process to consolidate parcels. However, the process is financially burdensome and can take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete. Mr. Fontanez added that an increasing number of property owners have requested that the City provide less restrictive and expensive methods to merge parcels for property tax purposes.

Mr. Fontanez stated that the proposed ordinance amendment would give property owners options that are more feasible and time-practical to consolidate or do land divisions as permitted by the Subdivision Map Act. Mr. Fontanez added that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to promote organized growth and development in the City that is consistent with the City's General Plan. Mr. Fontanez further added that staff does not anticipate that the proposed amendment will create adverse impacts to the public health, welfare and safety and that staff recommended that the Planning Commission approve Case No. 1958-ZOA.

After a brief discussion and with no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 1958-ZOA, Chairman Carvajal closed the public hearing

Motion by Vice Chair Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1958-ZOA AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1958, recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance to repeal Title 9, Chapter 5 (Subdivisions) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code in its entirety and to establish Title 10 (Subdivisions) within the Huntington Park Municipal Code. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Anaya, Herrera, Benitez, and Chairman Carvajal; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Lopez.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Chairman Carvajal excused the absence of Commissioner Lopez.

Subjects presented by Planning Commission

Commissioner Carvajal requested that staff report to the Police Department possible illegal activity at the Shamrock Bar located on State Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Carvajal adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary