



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present: Vice Chair Juan Anaya, Commissioner Eddie Benitez, and Chairperson Laura Herrera; Absent: Commissioner Eddie Carvajal (declared excused by Chairperson Herrera) and Commissioner Veronica Lopez (declared unexcused by Chairperson Herrera). Also present: Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Assistant Planner Juan Arauz, City Attorney Joseph Larsen, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2013, as presented. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Chair Anaya, Commissioner Benitez, and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Carvajal and Lopez.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 2013-14 CUP – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: A request by Jesus Garcia for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to establish and operate an automobile parts supply store at 6373 Alameda Street, in the City's C-G (General Commercial) Zone.

Assistant Planner Juan Arauz reviewed staff's Administrative Report, which included the Municipal Code Requirements, Required Findings for a Conditional Use Permit, Administrative Analysis, and Recommendation. Mr. Arauz stated that there were two buildings on the site, one a commercial center with eight tenant spaces, and the other, a 140 square foot standalone kiosk. Mr. Arauz stated that the applicant proposed only interior modifications to the tenant space, which would include a new

office area and new shelves, and no structural improvements. Mr. Arauz further stated that the applicant met the parking requirements for the proposed use and added that the majority of business transactions would be conducted through phone and catalog sales. Mr. Arauz stated that staff had conditioned that no servicing of vehicles be conducted on site. Mr. Arauz further stated that staff recommended the approval of Case No. 2013-14 CUP, subject to the Conditions of Approval outlined in staff's report.

Senior Planner Albert Fontanez reported that the trash enclosure for the property is located at the rear of the property via the alley.

Chairperson Herrera declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak for or against Case No. 2013-14 CUP. On behalf of Jesus Garcia, applicant, Mr. Franco Jasso (11949 Lesser St., Norwalk, CA 90650), applicant's agent, came forward to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Jasso stated that the applicant concurred with the Conditions of Approval as recommended by staff and that he understood that there would be no vehicle repairs on site. Mr. Jasso added that there were no issues with the neighboring businesses.

Mr. Jesus Garcia, applicant, came forward to speak in favor of Case No. 2013-14 CUP and stated that he would work hard for the success of the business.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 2013-14 CUP, Chairperson Herrera closed the public hearing.

Mr. Fontanez noted that this case resulted from a Code Enforcement Division report that the business was operating without a Conditional Use Permit, as required by the Municipal Code. Mr. Fontanez stated that the applicant responded promptly to correct non-compliance with business license and Planning requirements and that the business was ready to operate.

Commissioner Benitez asked if deliveries to the proposed store would be made at the front entrance or the rear of the store. After a brief discussion, the Commission concurred with staff's recommendation to add a condition of approval requiring the applicant to designate one parking space as a loading/unloading area.

Motion by Vice Chair Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE CASE NO. 2013-14 CUP, subject to the Conditions of Approval recommended by staff, as amended. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Chair Anaya, Commissioner Benitez, and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Carvajal and Lopez.

Mr. Fontanez announced that the Commission's decision may be appealed with the City Clerk's office within 15 calendar days.

New Business

None.

Information Items

None.

Staff Comments

Mr. Fontanez reminded Chairperson Herrera and Vice Chair Anaya that their terms on the Planning Commission were scheduled to expire on February 1, 2014, and recommended that they promptly submit their applications for reappointment for consideration by the City Council in January.

Planning Commission Comments

Chairperson Herrera reported that she would be unable attend the regular meeting of January 16, 2014 and requested that the meeting be rescheduled.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Herrera declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Laura Herrera, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Albert G. Fontanez, Secretary