



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present: Commissioner Eddie Benitez, Vice Chair Juan Anaya, Commissioner Eddie Carvajal and Chairperson Laura Herrera. Absent: Commissioner Veronica Lopez (declared unexcused absence by Chairperson Herrera). Also present: Planning Manager Albert Fontanez, Planning Intern Rodrigo Pelayo, 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 April 16, 2014, as presented. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Benitez, Vice Chair Anaya, and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Lopez; Abstain: Commissioner Carvajal.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO 2014-01-CUP/DP – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/ DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Development Permit to construct and operate a public charter school and 36 affordable dwelling units on a privately-owned property located at 6100 Carmelita Avenue; and the adoption of an associated Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental quality Act (CEQA).

Planning Manager Fontanez recommended that the public hearing be continued to a special meeting scheduled for July 2, 2014.

Chairperson Herrera declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak for or against Case No. 2014-01-CUP/DP. Ms. Yvonne Correa, (City resident), came forward and stated that the City of Huntington Park already had heavy traffic problems and that the proposed project would worsen traffic conditions in the

subject area. Ms. Correa stated that she was not against the proposed school, but was very concerned with the high traffic and lack of parking in the area.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 2014-01-CUP/DP, Chairperson Herrera continued the public hearing to a special meeting of the Planning Commission on July 2, 2014.

B. CASE NO. 2014-02-ZOA – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: A resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code (HPMC) relating to the sales of alcoholic beverages.

Planning Manager Fontanez reviewed staff's report and stated that the proposed amendment was intended to clarify the definitions for grocery stores, convenience stores, and liquor stores, as well as correct inconsistencies in the minimum distance requirements within the current zoning ordinance. Mr. Fontanez thoroughly reviewed the proposed strike-thru and added text of the proposed amendment and provided clear definitions of alcohol sales establishments, and summarized the "Alcohol Sales Establishment Standards" and "Allowed Land Uses". Mr. Fontanez stated that Huntington Park is a moratorium city which allows only 19 alcohol sales establishments, and added that existing licenses may be transferred, however, new licenses would not be issued. Mr. Fontanez stated that staff did not anticipate that the proposed amendment would create adverse impacts to the public health, welfare and safety, and recommended the approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Chairperson Herrera declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak for or against Case No. 2014-02-ZOA. Hearing no one, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Carvajal, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02, recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code (HPMC) relating to the sales of alcoholic beverages. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Benitez, Vice Chair Anaya, Commissioner Carvajal, and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Lopez.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Mr. Fontanez restated that a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, in lieu of the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 16, to consider a proposed charter school and 36-unit affordable housing project at 6100 Carmelita Avenue (continued public hearing for Case No. 2014-01-CUP/DP).

Staff Comments

None.

Planning Commission Comments

Commissioner Carvajal requested a City inspection and repair of potholes in front of 3376 Flower Street. Mr. Fontanez stated that he would report the Commissioner's request to the City's Public Works Superintendent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Herrera declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Laura Herrera, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Albert G. Fontanez, Secretary