



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present: Commissioner Eddie Benitez, Commissioner Eddie Carvajal, and Chairperson Laura Herrera; Absent: Vice Chair Juan Anaya (declared excused absence by Chairperson Herrera) and Commissioner Veronica Lopez (declared unexcused absence by Chairperson Herrera). Also present: Planning Manager Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Chairperson Herrera, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20, 2014, as presented. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Benitez and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Chair Anaya and Commissioner Lopez; Abstain: Commissioner Carvajal.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 2014-06 CUP: A request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to establish a truck repair facility at 5900 Wilmington Avenue, in the MPD (Manufacturing Planned Development) Zone.

Planning Manager Albert Fontanez recommended that the public hearing be opened for public testimony and that the hearing be continued to the Planning Commission regular meeting scheduled for November 19, 2014.

Chairperson Herrera declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak for or against Case No. 2014-06 CUP. Mr. Brad Rawlins (Rawlins Public Scales, 1925 E. Randolph St., Los Angeles, CA 90001) came forward to speak against Case No. 2014-06 CUP. Mr. Rawlins stated his company was celebrating its 50th anniversary and reported that the neighborhood had seen "destructive" changes in the last years. Mr. Rawlins stated that there was an influx of subtenants on the subject

site with a number of businesses operating without business licenses for years, specifically, the subject truck repair facility, a recycling facility, a welding shop, and a truck storage shop. Mr. Rawlins added that the illegal businesses were creating unsafe traffic conditions by blocking traffic on Randolph Street as well as safety hazards to pedestrians. Mr. Rawlins further added that the businesses have used his property for parking without his approval, as well as driving on his property on Randolph Street and over his scales. Mr. Rawlins also reported that stolen shopping carts were left abandoned both on his property and on the street, adding to the existing unsafe traffic conditions.

Mr. Rawlins encouraged the Planning Commission to deny the Conditional Use Permit.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 2014-06 CUP, Commissioner Carvajal motioned to continue the public hearing to the regular meeting of November 19, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Benitez. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Benitez, Commissioner Carvajal, and Chairperson Herrera; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Chair Anaya and Commissioner Lopez.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Planning Manager Fontanez gave an update on the marijuana dispensaries issue and stated that staff was working on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code prohibiting dispensaries in the City, which will be presented for consideration by the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

Staff Comments

None.

Planning Commission Comments

Chairperson Herrera reported dangerous traffic conditions at the southwest corner of State Street and Florence Avenue due to the limited customer parking at Tony's Donuts, and asked if the City could re-evaluate the parking layout for the business. Mr. Fontanez stated that staff would look into initiating dialogue with the business regarding parking alternatives to alleviate the high traffic conditions during peak business hours.

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