



# MINUTES

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## CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Huntington Park City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
6550 Miles Avenue  
Huntington Park, California 90255

Chairperson Sanabria called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner(s): Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Angelica Montes. Ricardo Barba-Ochoa. PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None. ABSENT: Eduardo Carvajal, Erika Nuno.

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Community Development Director, Steve Forster; Planning Division Manager, Luis Rodriguez.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jonathan Sanabria.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT ITEMS** – None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**CASE NO. 2021-02 CUP/DP – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**- Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Development Permit to allow expansion of the existing nightclub use operations throughout the building.

Contract Planner, Christian Espinoza gave a PowerPoint presentation about the request to allow the expansion of existing nightclub by adding outdoor dining, cinema and entertainment on the roof, sports bar on the ground floor and restaurant/nightclub in the basement.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT & QUESTIONS**

The following people provided public comment:

1. Applicant, Jesus Gallegos
2. Applicant's sister, Liz Gallegos

Planning Commission asked some questions about the proposed development permit. The topics mentioned in these questions were the following:

- Site plans being verified by the City.
- The connection between floors on the building.
- An establishment for resident parking or valet parking to keep up with traffic of visitors and residents.
- Current or past violations on the building.
- Date for construction to begin.
- Special events organization and elaboration of more attractions for the place.
- Enforcement by the City regarding trash clean up and security.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Community Development Director, Steve Forster began by stating that the city has been working diligently with corresponding departments about the plans proposed by Mr. Gallegos and his request for expansion of his business. He then indicated that there will be a connection between the different floors of the building, however, people will have to go out and enter through an entrance on each floor. He added that the main entrance will be through front doors and will be directed to either the basement or rooftop.

Community Development Director, Steve Forster along with the applicant Jesus Gallegos, elaborated on special events that will be offered. They mentioned live music, lounge dancing on Sundays up to 8pm and the use of headsets to be used during the week to watch movies at the rooftop.

Regarding a possible parking establishment, it was mentioned that the plan is to move the loading zone towards Pacific Blvd. to cue multiple cars and then valet through Saturn St. in order to establish the mentioned parking program. In addition, he said that in order to begin construction on the site, an encroachment permit will be needed from public works department.

Trash and security concerns were mentioned by Planning Commission and Community Development Director, Steve Forster said that he will collaborate closely with the Code Enforcement team to address these. He stated that the city will comply with guidelines and regulations in order to keep the site clean and safe.

**Motion:** Commissioner Barba- Ochoa motioned in favor of approval, seconded by Commissioner Montes. Chair Jonathan Sanabria motioned in favor of approval as well. Motion passed 3-0-0, by the following Vote:

AYES:	Commissioner(s):	Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Commissioner Angelica Montes,
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NOES:	Commissioner(s):	None
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## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Community Development Director, Steve Forster introduced the newest Community Development Staff member, Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero, and he provided updates, such as, opening dates for new businesses coming to the City.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Barba-Ochoa. Thanked staff for their exceptional work and expressed he is extremely happy for the effort of keeping everything organized. He also encouraged everyone to be aware of the water shortage.
2. Commissioner Angelica Montes expressed her gratitude to everyone's great work and thanked staff for putting a neat and helpful presentation.
3. Chair Jonathan Sanabria. Thanked staff for the hard work and for taking the time to prepare with important information about the item presented.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:36pm the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission was adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Steve Forster  
Interim Community Development Director