

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on January 19, 2005.

Chairman Bravo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Veronica Lopez, Andy Molina, Vice Chairperson Marial L. Sanders and Chairman Alfred Bravo Sr.; Absent: Commissioner Eddie Benitez. Also present: Planning Manager Mariano Aguirre, Associate Planner Gabriel Bautista, Assistant Planner Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Reorganization of the Planning Commission

Because of the absence of Commissioner Benitez, a motion was made by Commissioner Molina, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, to postpone the reorganization to the next Planning Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Molina, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2004, as presented. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Lopez, Molina, Vice Chairperson Sanders and Chairman Bravo; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Benitez.

Continued Public Appearances

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1787-DP: Consideration of a request by Francisco Granadeno for approval to develop a parking area on a vacant parcel located on the South side of Florence Avenue West of California Avenue (Assessor's Parcel No. 6213-003-272), within the Public Facilities (PF) Zone.

Assistant Planner Garcia reviewed the Administrative Report and stated that the applicant, who is the owner of the real estate business which is adjacent to the property, desires to provide much needed parking. Mr. Garcia stated that Community Development staff recommended approval of the Development Permit, subject to the Conditions No. 1-15, as outlined in the Administrative Report.

Chairman Bravo declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak for or against Case No. 1787-DP.

With no one coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 1787-DP, the public hearing was declared closed by Chairman Bravo.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided by the Commissioners and the Planning Division staff to make the following amendment to Case No. 1787-DP. That the applicant provide, prior to building permit final, decorative barriers, as approved by the Planning Division, at each driveway, so as to limit public access to the site during non-business hours.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Molina, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1787-DP, subject to Conditions 1-16, as modified. That the applicant provide, prior to Building Permit final, decorative barriers, as approved by the Planning Division, at each driveway, so as to limit public access to the site during non business hours. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Lopez, Molina, Vice Chairperson Sanders and Chairman Bravo; Noes: None; Absent: Benitez.

New Business

Associate Planner Gabriel Bautista reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendation from the Planning Division to amend the Publicly Visible Art Ordinance to transfer authority for the Publicly Visible Art Program from the Planning Commission to the Arts and Culture Commission. The Commission instructed staff to amend the Ordinance so that the Planning Commission retains the authority for the placement of art on properties where the Commission has approved the project.

Planning Manager Mariano Aguirre recommended that this item be continued to the next Planning Commission meeting so that staff can work on the language as directed by the Commission.

Information Items

Associate Planner Gabriel Bautista reviewed with the Commissioners the 2004 Summary report which lists all cases the Planning Commission took action on in year 2004 as well as a listing of all items reviewed administratively by Planning Division staff.

Public Appearances

Planning Manager Aguirre requested, and the Commissioners unanimously approved, to re open the Public Appearances.

The following persons addressed the Commission under Public Appearances:

Bill Taylor, Taylor Fierce Architects, LLP, 3780 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 240, Los Angeles, Ca., architect for a proposed charter school, spoke in favor of approving the proposed charter school.

Alberto Tovar, 901 W. Victoria St., Ste. E, Compton, Ca, applicant for the Zoning Map and General Plan Amendments, stated that the establishment of a charter school would benefit the community by providing a quality, college-ready academic program and would help relieve overcrowding in the local elementary, junior high and high schools in Huntington Park.

Information Items

None.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Bravo adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary