

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2006.

Chairperson Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Alfred Bravo, Sr., Andy Molina, and Chairperson Marial Sanders; Absent: Commissioner Veronica Lopez. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Associate Planner Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

It was so ordered by Chairperson Sanders that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 2006, as presented, be approved; and that the minutes of July 5 and July 19, 2006, be approved subject to modification indicating that, at staff's recommendation, the public hearing scheduled for those meetings (Case No.1821-ZOA) was being continued, and therefore, the lack of quorum was due to the meetings' cancellation.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1821-ZOA: Consideration of a resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code deleting Check Cashing Service uses from the list of permitted uses within the Neighborhood-Commercial (C-N), General-Commercial (C-G), Pacific Paseo (PP) and Pacific Village (PV) Zones, and adding Check Cashing Service uses to the list of Permitted (P) uses within the Office-Professional (C-P) Zone.

Director of Community Development Gray stated that staff recommended that the public hearing for Case No.1821-ZOA be continued to the regular Planning Commission meeting of September 20, 2006.

Chairperson Sanders declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to address Case No.1821-ZOA. Hearing no one, the public hearing was closed.

After a brief discussion, and hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairperson Sanders to approve staff's recommendation and that the public hearing for Case No.1821-ZOA be continued to the regular Planning Commission meeting of September 20, 2006.

Public Hearings

None.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action on the Huntington Park Comprehensive Housing Policy Summary.

Director Gray stated that staff had developed a Comprehensive Housing Policy Summary which addresses the City's housing policies and goals identified in the City's three basic policy documents: 1) the City's General Plan Housing Element, 2) the Community Development Commission Implementation Plan; and 3) the City's Consolidated Plan. Mr. Gray stated that the most important elements of the documents were incorporated into a comprehensible executive summary to direct the City's policy makers in the City's goals, policies and programs, and future housing development. Mr. Gray added that the Summary had been prepared by Ms. Karen Warner, Karen Warner Associates, who is also the City's retained consultant to update the Housing Element in 2007 for the 2008-2013 period.

Mr. Gray introduced Ms. Warner who proceeded to review the Comprehensive Housing Policy Summary through a PowerPoint presentation, which included a thorough analysis of the City's housing goals, policies and programs as stipulated in the Housing Element, Community Development Commission Implementation Plan, and Consolidated Plan. Specifically addressed were the two sections of the Summary as follows:

1. Housing Needs Summary – Overview of key needs in the community pertaining to housing affordability, availability, adequacy and special needs households; and
2. Existing Goals, Policies and Programs – Compilation of goals, policies and programs contained in the Housing Element, Implementation Plan, and Consolidated Plan

Mayor John Noguez addressed the Commission and stated that the Commission's guidance in establishing policies for the community's housing needs would assist in the implementation of the City's goals as identified in the Summary. Mayor Noguez added that the Commission's assistance was necessary in educating the community in its housing policies and programs.

After a detailed discussion, the Commissioners expressed their desire and willingness to be part of the continuing efforts in educating the community and meeting the City's housing goals. Director Gray stated that staff recommended that the Summary be presented to the City Council, and that the Commission be a key source of input in the upcoming Housing Element update.

Information Items

Planning Manager Bautista stated that he was pleased to announce that former Assistant Planner Eric Garcia had returned to the City. Mr. Garcia was welcomed back by the Commissioners.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Sanders adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary