

CITY OF LA PUENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 06, 2010

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on 04/06/2010, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Dahlitz, Duarte, Landino, Lewis, and Klinakis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Klinakis.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Klinakis recognized Council Member House who was in the audience.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2010.

Vice Chairman Landino moved and Commissioner Duarte seconded to approve as presented. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Landino, Duarte, and Dahlitz.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Lewis.
ABSENT:	None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2. UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. 250 - Consideration of a request to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 20 License) in conjunction with an existing convenience store and gasoline station located at 15135 Amar Road.**

Assistant Planner Chow presented the report.

Vice Chairman Landino asked the reason the application was denied in the past.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that it was the Sheriff's Departments recommendation to deny the application, due to a high crime rate in that area.

Commissioner Duarte asked if the crime rate numbers had dropped since 2003.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Dahlitz stated that she had visited the site and does not see the need for more alcohol to be sold in that specific area.

Vice Chairman Landino asked what were the conditions of approval for selling alcohol at the 7-11 store which was directly across the street.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that she did not have that information.

Chairman Klinakis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Frank Shen, representing the applicant stated that ABC allows for up to three beer and wine licenses in that area and that only one had been approved. There was still enough room for two more beer and wine licenses in that census tract. Mr. Shen added that the Sheriff's Department's letter states that the beer and wine license was no longer an issue for that location.

Commissioner Lewis asked if the City had a copy of this letter from the Sheriff's Department.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that it was included in the agenda packet as Exhibit "D".

Marty Paz, La Puente asked if there was an ordinance that states you must be 500 feet from a church. He also listed the surrounding businesses that sell beer and wine.

Chairman Klinakis closed the public hearing.

Chairman Klinakis asked if the city knew why the crime rate had dropped in that particular area since 2003.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that the Sheriff's Department who was in the audience could better answer that question.

Deputy Art Vargas with the Industry Sheriff Station responded that it was difficult to answer that question, due to the fact that we are talking about a large area, some of it being commercial and some being residential which makes a big difference. It would take some research to get the exact number.

Discussion ensued on the crime rate within the area of Unruh Avenue and Hacienda Boulevard.

Assistant Planner Chow stated that for that specific location the Sheriff's Department had received thirteen calls in one year for petty theft violations.

Commissioner Duarte asked for clarification on Mr. Paz's question, was there any restrictions on selling beer or wine within 500 feet of a church.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that the Municipal Code does not have those specific requirements.

Chairman Klinakis asked if the applicant's license had been approved by ABC.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that ABC usually waits to see what the City's decision will be before moving forward with their decision.

Chairman Klinakis asked if Unclassified Use Permit No. 250 would fall under the same guidelines as previous UUP's that had been approved by the city; such as selling six-packs or larger of beer, and 750 milliliters or larger of wine.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Duarte asked was there still a liquor store located on Hacienda and Fairgrove.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Vice Chairman Landino asked the size of the census tract.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that census tracts are measured by population; they may range from twenty to several thousand people.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan gave an explanation on the procedure that ABC follows for an ABC type 20 license.

Assistant Planner Chow stated that Census Tract No. 4073.01 had 4,727 persons.

Commissioner Dahlitz asked for clarification, that the 7-11 store which was directly across the street from the subject site was located in a different census tract.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Vice Chairman Landino asked the location of the approved ABC license.

City Planner Arreola responded that an ABC license for a liquor store is located on the Northeast corner of Amar Road and Orange Avenue.

Chairman Klinakis moved and Commissioner Lewis seconded to adopt the attached Resolution approving Unclassified Use Permit No. 250, subject to the conditions outlined in the attached resolution. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Dahlitz, Landino, Lewis, and Klinakis.
NOES:	Duarte.
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

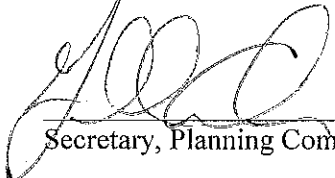
None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Secretary, Planning Commission



Chairman Klinakis