

CITY OF LA PUENTE
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 1, 2015

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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 December 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Mendoza, Perez, Costea, Dudley, and Escalon.

Commissioners present: Mendoza, Perez, Costea, Dudley, and Escalon.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Development Services Director Di Mario, Assistant Planner Schaetzl, Assistant City Attorney Sparks, and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Costea.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of November 19, 2015.

Vice Chairman Perez moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the special meeting of November 19, 2015 as presented; seconded by Chairperson Mendoza.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES	Mendoza, Perez, Costea, Dudley, and Escalon.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 272 - CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 272, TO ALLOW INDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS AS A COMMERCIAL RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT USE AT AN EXISTING 25,300 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE BUILDING IN THE COMMERCIAL-MANUFACTURING ZONE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16101 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION REGARDING SAME

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced Conditional Use Permit No. 272.

Chairperson Mendoza opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Chairperson Mendoza called for anyone from the public for or against this matter to come forward. There was no response from the public.

Chairperson Mendoza asked if the City had received any communication regarding the public hearing.

Administrative Secretary Ramirez responded that none had been received.

Chairperson Mendoza moved to continue the public hearing to the next regular scheduled meeting on January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Costea. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES	Mendoza, Perez, Costea, Dudley, and Escalon.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

3. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. 267 – 1251 N. Hacienda – Pizza Hut Restaurant

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced the Review and Evaluation of Compliance with Conditions of Approval for Unclassified Use Permit (UUP) No. 267.

Assistant Planner Schaetzl presented a PowerPoint Presentation and the staff report.

Discussion ensued between Staff and the Commissioners regarding car clubs gathering in the parking lot near Pizza Hut.

Clarification was made that Pizza Hut did not want to pursue a permit for the gathering of the car clubs.

Development Services Director Di Mario indicated that the Sheriff's Department did not express any public safety concerns for the shopping center where Pizza Hut is located. The applicant has been complying with all conditions of approval and Staff feels there was no need to schedule additional reviews at this time.

Assistant City Attorney clarified for the Commission that Lieutenant Cacheiro with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, keeps the City informed and was in constant communication to relay if there were any problems with alcohol or other issues with that location.

Mr. Gene Erdman, Chief People Officer with American West Restaurant Group (Pizza Hut) stated that Pizza Hut wanted to keep the good reputation they have held for the last fifty years. Pizza Hut has kept food sales up and alcohol at a minimum. Pizza Hut is proud to have paid their employee's over 300,000 in wages this year. The employees have obtained their Servsafe Alcohol Training & Certification Certificates. Pizza Hut was very happy to be in the City of La Puente.

The Commissioners thanked Pizza Hut for improving and investing in La Puente.

Action Taken: The Planning Commission received and filed the report.

4. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. 268- 437 S. Azusa Avenue – Birrieria Suprema Restaurant

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced the Review and Evaluation of Compliance with Conditions of Approval for Unclassified Use Permit (UUP) No. 268.

Assistant Planner Schaetzl presented a PowerPoint Presentation and the staff report.

Mr. Hernandez, Birrieria Suprema Restaurant owner, thanked the Commission for allowing the restaurant to obtain their Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license. Mr. Hernandez added that he was always present at the restaurant to handle any problems that may arise. His goal was to keep a safe and friendly environment with authentic Mexican food.

The Commission thanked Mr. Hernandez for bringing a positive business to the City and for creating jobs for the community.

Development Services Director Di Mario informed the Commission that Mr. Hernandez was very proud of his authentic handmade chairs from Mexico. Mr. Di Mario stated that the chairs were absolutely gorgeous and were a sight to see.

Action Taken: The Planning Commission received and filed the report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

Vice Chairman Perez hoped that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Costea also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairperson Mendoza wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. She thanked Staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Escalon thanked the City for the Holiday Parade and for all the community festivities in bringing families together.

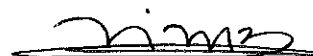
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m. The next regular scheduled Planning Commission will be held on January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda should be released by Wednesday, December 23rd. All City facilities will be closed for the Holiday's from December 24, 2015 through January 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Chairperson Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.


Secretary, Planning Commission


Chairperson Mendoza