

CITY OF LA PUENTE
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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A Special 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 November 19, 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, Dudley, and Escalon.

Commissioners absent: Costea.

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 Escalon.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of October 6, 2015.

Vice Chairman Perez moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Escalon.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES Mendoza, Perez, Dudley, and Escalon.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN:None.

ABSENT: Costea.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

2. MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 139 - CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 2-5 (CM ZONE-ALLOWED USES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS) OF SECTION 10.14.020 (LAND USE REGULATIONS) OF CHAPTER 10.14 (COMMERCIAL-MANUFACTURING ZONE) OF TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT USES IN THE COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING ZONE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ALL SUCH USES AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING SAME

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced the Municipal Code Amendment No. 139.

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

Chairperson Mendoza opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

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

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that the City did receive a letter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department regarding the Negative Declaration a copy of the letter has been placed on the dais.

Chairperson Mendoza called for anyone opposed to or for the project to please come forward and speak.

David Perez, the applicant stated that he would like to thank staff for their hard work and time spent on this project. Mr. Perez added that he felt this location was a good use for recreation and entertainment and that this would help promote local businesses such as restaurants in the downtown area.

With no other speakers, Chairperson Mendoza closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Vice Chairman Perez stated that that a recreation facility was a good idea for the area.

Chairperson Mendoza asked the applicant, how the business was being promoted.

Mr. Perez responded that a tenant is the operator of the facility. He is well known for this type of business and he was reaching out the local leagues to promote the business.

Assistant City Attorney Sparks responded to Chairperson Mendoza that under the City's Zoning Code and under State Law the City is required to provide notice of the proposed Amendment to the Commercial Manufacturing Zone, which it was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune newspaper. Once the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application is received for the in-door use, it will then be noticed as a public hearing. The notice will then be mailed out to addresses within 500 feet of the location.

Vice Chairman Perez moved to approve; seconded by Chairperson Mendoza. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

3. UPDATE REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION ISSUED ON OCTOBER 26, 2015 BY THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS FOR AN R-2 PROPERTY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 707-711 WILLOW AVENUE, LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the update on the Administrative Determination recently issued.

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

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

Commissioner Escalon stated that she would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. She was looking forward to December knowing that it would be a busy month. She would like to request that for December the Agenda be submitted to the Commission in a timely manner for them to have plenty of time to study the packet.

Chairperson Mendoza also wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving. She agreed with Commissioner Escalon to receive the December agenda packets a bit earlier. It would be much appreciated.

Commissioner Escalon informed staff of the parking improvement at the drop-off zone located at Workman Elementary. It has greatly improved with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015. The agenda for that meeting will be released on Tuesday, November 24th. Other news in the community; McDonalds is now open for business. The City Council attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Aldi Market had their ground breaking ceremony on October 29th; the foundation has been poured and steel is going up, they are well on their way. Aldi is expected to be open by April 2016. Jersey Mikes Sandwiches is coming to the City and is in tenant improvement mode; they are expected to open by the first of the year; they will be located in the El Super Center next to Starbucks. Also, Dearden's Furniture and Electronics will also be in the El Super Center. W.S.S. Shoes will be moving into the same shopping center next to Harbor Freight Tools. And lastly, the Commissioners have been invited to the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Please contact Carrie Lapow at City Hall if you would like to participate.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Secretary, Planning Commission


Chairperson Mendoza