

CITY OF LA PUENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 06, 2009

Per Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapueente.org

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 10/06/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL: Hernandez, Landino, Villarreal, Klinakis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Klinakis.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2009.

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

AYES:	Hernandez, Landino, Villarreal, and Klinakis.
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2. UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. 247 - A request to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption (Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 41 license) in conjunction with an existing restaurant, Marisco La Palapa, located at 651 Glendora Avenue.**

Commissioner Landino informed the commissioners and the public that due to a property conflict of interest, he was recusing himself from UUP No. 247 and left the room.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan stated "let the record reflect that Commissioner Landino left the room."

City Planner Arreola presented the report.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan stated that staff had added a condition of approval to keep the consumption of alcohol strictly indoors and outside to be for parking only.

Commissioner Villarreal asked if anyone from the community had expressed concerns regarding the Unclassified Use Permit No. 247.

City Planner Arreola responded that standard procedure was followed for a public hearing and no one had responded.

Chairman Klinakis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Marty Paz, La Puente, asked why the applicant had to provide extra parking spaces, when the property located to the north has more square footage and less parking. He also stated that Marisco La Palapa customers should be able to drink outside because La Palapa had invested a lot of money into their restaurant.

City Planner Arreola responded that the Zoning Code states that one parking space is required for every 100 sq. ft. of floor area. If the applicant would like to legalize their outdoor seating area, they must provide additional parking.

Chairman Klinakis closed the public hearing.

Vice Chairman Hernandez asked the applicant in regards to the mobile taco cart parked in front of their restaurant, he also noticed the seating area in the back parking lot and asked if they were planning to legalize that area.

Mr. Santos Luna, General Operations Manager for Marisco La Palapa Restaurant

and Lopez Tires, responded that the mobile cart was strictly for home catering and that the restaurant would not be legalizing the outdoor seating area. The restaurant wanted to comply with all zoning code regulations.

Chairman Klinakis asked the applicant if he had read and understood the conditions of approval and agreed to each condition.

Mr. Luna responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Klinakis stated he would like the restaurant to be more pro-active instead of re-active with regards to violations.

Mr. Luna responded that the violations were due to lack of understanding the zoning code.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan asked Mr. Luna for clarification in regards to the taco cart. Was the taco cart making and selling tacos on-site or was the taco cart being loaded up and driven to a different location.

Mr. Luna responded that there are a total of four taco carts owned by La Palapa Restaurant and that they were purchased for special events and home parties. In the past the restaurant was selling tacos from the cart. However, once the Community Preservation Department informed the restaurant that they were in violation, they immediately stopped selling tacos from the portable carts.

Chairman Klinakis moved and Commissioner Villarreal seconded to adopt the Resolution approving Unclassified Use Permit No. 247, subject to the conditions outlined in the attached Resolution. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Hernandez, Villarreal, and Klinakis.
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Commissioner Landino re-entered the room and returned to his seat on the dais.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

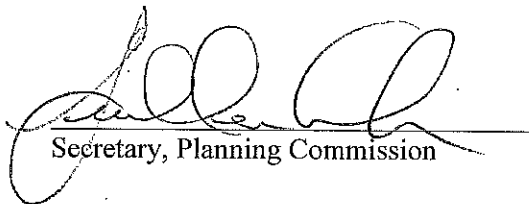
None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

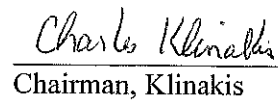
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Secretary, Planning Commission



Chairman, Klinakis