

CITY OF LA PUENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 05, 2009

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 05/05/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hernandez, Landino, Rojas, Villarreal, Klinakis

PRESENT: Hernandez, Landino, Rojas, Villarreal and
Klinakis.

ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO: Deputy City Attorney Davtyan, City Planner
Arreola, Assistant Planner Chow, and
Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Villarreal.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2009.

CITY OF LA PUENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 05, 2009

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 05/05/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Hernandez, Landino, Rojas, Villarreal, Klinakis

PRESENT: Hernandez, Landino, Rojas, Villarreal and
Klinakis.

ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO: Deputy City Attorney Davtyan, City Planner
Arreola, Assistant Planner Chow, and
Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Villarreal.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2009.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan stated that there was a correction on the minutes; page 3, paragraph 7, and should read: Deputy City Attorney stated that in the past, condition of approvals for similar projects included a condition prohibiting the sale of single can beers; this had been a condition of approval that had been attached to previous UUP requests for the off-sale of beer and wine.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. ZONING CODE UPDATE - Discussion of a comprehensive update of Title 10 (Zoning Ordinance) of the La Puente Municipal Code - Recreational Vehicle Standards in the Residential zones

Assistant Planner Chow presented the report.

Deputy City Attorney Davtyan stated that for clarification, this was not a public hearing. However, the Commission may take comments from the public, if they wished to do so.

Commissioner Rojas asked what type of permit was allowed in the City of West Covina.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that the permit was an "Administrative Use Permit." Also, this type of permit would be included into La Puente's Zoning Code.

Commissioner Rojas asked if this permit would be brought back for a public hearing.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Vice Chairman Hernandez asked if Staff knew what percentage of RV's were located within the city.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the negative, there was no count.

Commissioner Landino questioned if the area where an RV was to be parked needed to be paved with cement.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Villarreal asked if parking for RV's was restricted on public streets.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that parking was regulated by parking enforcement. This discussion covers RV's parked on private property only. The regulation that is in place states; a maximum time limit of vehicle parking not to exceed 72 hours on any public street.

Chairman Klinakis questioned if there is any type of permit to allow over-night parking for a resident who had an out of town guest with an RV.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the negative, but that it can be included in the Zoning Code update.

City Planner Arreola stated that just for clarification purposes, you can park an RV on the street for 72 hours. However, the Code states that you are prohibited from sleeping in an RV.

Commissioner Villarreal asked if Staff would be making a recommendation for parking.

Assistant Planner Chow responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Klinakis opened the meeting for public comment.

Gregg Young, 16859 Main Street, stated that he understood that you cannot park an RV for more than 72 hours at a time on the street, and that you cannot block the public right-of-way. He also stated that he did not have 9 ft. of additional driveway to park an RV. However, he did have cement next to his garage and would like to park his RV parked there.

City Planner Arreola asked Mr. Young to clarify his parking situation.

Discussion ensued on private property parking.

Mr. Marty Paz, La Puente, stated that he had visitors that had arrived in the middle

of the night and slept in their RV out on the street, and asked if this would now be considered illegal parking.

City Planner Arreola responded that these regulations do not apply to sleeping in an RV on a public street. This was a different section of the Code. The current topic was RV parking on private property.

Chairman Klinakis stated that if Mr. Paz would like to come to City Hall during regular business hours, he could get an explanation of what the Municipal Code allows.

Commissioner Villarreal stated that he also, was an RV owner and the less amount of regulations, the better for him. He stated that he had a very unique lot size and asked if he would have to apply for a variance. Many homes in La Puente do not have the ability to drive to their back yard. He was in support to have the resident park their RV's behind gates. He also feels that there are too many rules and regulations for this community. This was a very old city, and would like to see other areas annexed and developed into our community.

Commissioner Villarreal would like to have a correction: these words were close to what he said however, they do not capture the message he was intending.

Commissioner Villarreal would like them to say that he feels that the community has a long history of residential development and as we continue to add more regulations it makes it difficult for other county area's to be annexed and to join our community.

City Planner Arreola responded that parking your RV in the front yard would be prohibited. However, in a case where you have a unique lot size, a variance may be required. Also, other issues to consider would include safety and aesthetics.

Chairman Klinakis asked for clarification: is a truck with a camper on the back considered an RV.

Assistant Planner Chow responded that campers with camper shells are not considered an RV.

City Planner Arreola stated that having a stationary recreational vehicle in your driveway takes away available on-site parking by blocking access to your garage and also takes away the ability to park in the driveway.

Discussion ensued on lot size and where to park an RV.

City Planner Arreola stated that for clarification purposes, the draft Zoning Code would be worked out before the public hearings begin.

Commissioner Villarreal stated that he would like some type of language stating how far back the screening for RV's may go.

Discussion ensued on the requirements of a block wall.

Commissioner Rojas stated that he would like the possibility of allowing parking on the side of the house, if there was a paved area.

City Planner Arreola responded that it could be allowed, if it was not blocking access to the garage.

Chairman Klinakis moved and Commissioner Villarreal seconded to receive and file. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION:

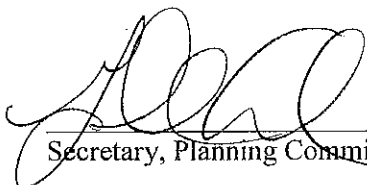
Commissioner Villarreal asked Staff for an update on current projects within the City.

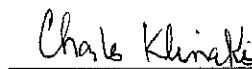
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.


Secretary, Planning Commission


Chairman, Klinakis