

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on June 3, 2009

Chairperson Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Marial Sanders, Eddie Carvajal, and Chairperson Veronica Lopez; Absent: Commissioner Rosa Perez (declared excused by Chairperson Lopez). City staff members present were Planning Manager Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 6, 2009. Motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez and Carvajal, Vice Chair Sanders, and Chairperson Lopez; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Perez.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1899-GPA/ZC: A resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for the Westside Park Replacement Project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the proposed project.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia presented and reviewed the Administrative Report for Case No. 1899-GPA/ZC, which included the Municipal Code Requirements, Required Findings for a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment, Administrative Comments and Analysis, and Recommendations. Mr. Garcia stated that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) proposes to acquire Westside Park from the City to implement a high school project and provide a replacement park at 6200 and 6208 Alameda Street with equivalent amenities. The proposed General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendments would enable the sites to be developed as a park. Mr. Garcia stated that the proposed parkland and amenities would be approximately 4.5 acres, and add a parking area component of 50 parking spaces. Mr. Garcia further stated that existing land uses in the project site include warehouse/storage facilities in addition to a primarily vacant site, commonly known as the La Montaña property, and the Commercial Enameling Company (CECO) property. Mr. Garcia further stated that as part of the environmental analysis, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was prepared by LAUSD's environmental consultants. The IS/MND considered various issues and found that the potential for impacts resulting from the project were less than significant, and that any potential significant impacts could be reduced to less than significant through the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Mr. Garcia stated that Community Development staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for the Westside Park Replacement Project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the proposed project.

Chairperson Lopez declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 1899-GPA/ZC. With no one coming forward, Chairperson Lopez declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1899-GPA/ZC, a General Plan Amendment from Manufacturing Planned Development to Parks and Recreation, and a Zone Change from Manufacturing Planned Development (MPD) to Open Space (OS), to convert existing industrial properties at 6200 and 6208 Alameda Street into a public park to replace the existing Westside Park, subject to Conditions Nos. 1-33, as outlined in staff's Administrative Report. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioner Benitez, Vice Chair Sanders, Commissioner Carvajal and Chairperson Lopez; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Perez.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Status of Current Community Development Projects.

Planning Manager Garcia reviewed the status of current Community Development Department projects including the Nick Alexander Mini Cooper project at 6201 Alameda Street and the automobile body shop project at 3356-60 Gage Avenue.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

Chairperson Lopez stated that she recently made a code enforcement complaint and that she was very pleased with the City's Code Enforcement Division response time. Ms. Lopez reported her impending absence at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 1, 2009.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary