

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on October 7, 2009.

Chairperson Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Rosa Perez, Eddie Carvajal, and Chairperson Veronica Lopez; Absent: None. City staff members present were Planning Manager Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Vice Chair Perez, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 16, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1902-ZOA: A resolution recommending to the City Council adoption of an ordinance amending the Municipal Code regulations applicable to the Standards for Exterior Colors, Huntington Park Municipal Code (HPMC) Section 9-3.103.3.

Planning Manager Garcia reviewed the Administrative Report, which included the Administrative Comments and Analysis, and Recommendations. Mr. Garcia stated that on September 16, 2009, the Planning Commission approved a request from Nick Alexander Imports to deviate from the City's Standards for Exterior Colors, HPMC Section 9-3.103.3A(1), subject to adoption of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow corporate colors as primary colors on the exterior of buildings. Mr. Garcia added that the proposed amendment included minor updates to the language in the Review Procedure, as well as correcting Sub-section B-3 as written in the staff report by replacing "...Minor Site Plan Review, Major Site Plan Review..." with "...Development Permit..." Mr. Garcia stated that staff recommended the approval of the resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Chairperson Lopez declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak for or against Case No. 1902-ZOA. Hearing no one, Chairperson Lopez closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Perez, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1902 recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9 (Zoning) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Section regarding Standards for Exterior Colors, as modified. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Perez, Carvajal, and Chairperson Lopez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

New Business

A. Selection of a commissioner to sit on the Affordable Housing Strategy Stakeholder Committee.

Planning Manager Garcia stated that the newly created Affordable Housing Strategy Stakeholder Committee would develop an affordable housing strategy for the implementation of affordable housing programs and projects, which would address the City’s housing needs and priorities. The Committee will be comprised of City staff, housing advocates and providers, representatives from the real estate community and one member each from the Community Development, Planning, Health and Education and Historic Preservation Commissions. Mr. Garcia asked the Commissioners to consider volunteering to serve on the Committee.

Vice Chair Perez volunteered to serve as a Committee member and Commissioner Carvajal volunteered as alternate to Vice Chair Perez.

Information Items

A. Status of Current Community Development Projects.

Planning Manager Garcia reviewed the status of current Community Development Department projects including the new dialysis center at 5942 Rugby Avenue and the automobile body shop at 3356-60 Gage Avenue. Mr. Garcia stated that staff was currently working on long-term planning items including proposed amendments to the Zoning Code, Zoning Map and General Plan which would be presented to the Commission at upcoming meetings.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

The Commission expressed concern for the dilapidated condition of the grounds at Salt Lake Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary