

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on January 4, 2006.

Vice Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Eddie Benitez, Alfred Bravo, Sr., Andy Molina, and Vice Chair Marial Sanders Absent: Chairperson Veronica Lopez; Also present: Acting Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Assistant Planner Adrian Gallo, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Molina, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 16, 2005. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Bravo, Molina, and Vice Chair Sanders; Noes: None; Absent: Chairperson Lopez.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1812-ZOA: Request for adoption of a resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to modify the requirements of and clarify the definitions for Child Day Care Facilities.

Acting Planning Manager Bautista reviewed staff's report and stated that the proposed amendments would make the City's requirements to establish a Child Day Care Facility consistent with California state law, in addition to streamlining the permitting process. Mr. Bautista noted that there are several sections of the City's Municipal Code which conflict with provisions of the California Child Day Care Act, namely Health and Safety Code Sections 1597.45 through 1597.52. Mr. Bautista briefly reviewed the proposed modifications to the definitions and Permitting Process, and stated that staff recommended the approval of proposed Resolution No. 1812.

Vice Chair Sanders declared the public hearing open and called for anyone wishing to speak on Case No. 1812-ZOA. Mr. James Ham (Arnold & Porter LLP, 777 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA) advocate for child care services in the state of California, came forward to speak in favor and stated that adoption of the proposed resolution would bring the City into compliance with state child care use regulations. Mr. Ham thanked staff and the Commission for their efforts in assisting the community with its child care needs and requested that the proposed resolution be adopted.

After a brief discussion and with no one else wishing to speak, Vice Chair Sanders declared the public hearing closed.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Molina, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, to APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1812, as recommended by staff. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Bravo, Molina, and Vice Chair Sanders. Noes: None. Absent: Chairperson Lopez.

New Business

None.

Information Items

Assistant Planner Gallo informed the Commissioners that he has accepted employment with the City of West Hollywood, and his resignation from the City of Huntington Park would be effective January 5, 2006.

Acting Planning Manager Bautista invited the Commissioners to the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan meeting scheduled for January 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Sanders adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2006, in memory of Maria Eustolia Lagarda, mother-in-law of Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa, and Mr. Carlos Bautista, father of Acting Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary