

Minutes of the Huntington Park Planning Commission meeting held on April 18, 2007.

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioner Alfred Bravo, Sr., Vice Chairman Eddie Benitez, and Chairman Andy Molina. Absent: Commissioners Marial Sanders and Veronica Lopez (both excused due to illness). Also present: Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric K. Garcia, Planning Intern George Manjarrez and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 4, 2007, as amended. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Bravo and Chairman Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Lopez and Sanders.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 1841-ZOA: Request for Planning Commission approval of a resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code regarding regulations applicable to signs.

Planning Manager Bautista presented P.C. Case No. 1841-ZOA. Mr. Bautista reviewed the Administrative Report, which included the proposed revisions to the Interim Sign Ordinance, Administrative Comments and Analysis. Mr. Bautista stated that in 2005 City Council adopted Urgency Ordinances No. 754-NS and No. 757-NS, which amended Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 12 (Sign Ordinance) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by establishing an Interim Sign Ordinance. Mr. Bautista added that Planning Commission conduct a public hearing, consider all public testimony, and subsequently adopt the proposed resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 12 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code in its entirety.

Chairman Molina declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor or against Case No. 1841-ZOA. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was declared closed.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1841-ZOA, a resolution recommending the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code regarding regulations applicable to signs. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Bravo, and Chairman Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Lopez and Sanders.

B. CASE NO. 1842-DP: Request for approval of a Development Permit to construct a new two-story residential dwelling unit on a property currently developed with a single-family dwelling unit at 6331 Passaic Street, within the Medium Density Residential (R-M) Zone.

Planning Intern Manjarrez conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the Administrative Report for Case No. 1842-DP, which included the Municipal Code Requirements and Required Findings for a Development Permit, Environmental Review, Administrative Comments and Analysis. Mr. Manjarrez stated that staff recommended the approval of Case No. 1842-DP, subject to the conditions outlined in the Administrative Report.

Chairman Molina declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor or against Case No. 1842-DP. Planning Intern Manjarrez informed the Commissioners that three letters were received opposing Case No. 1842-DP; however, the letters in opposition did not contain any pertinent land use considerations that would cause Planning Division staff to re-evaluate the proposed project.

Ms. Margarita Alvarez (6325 Passaic Street, Huntington Park, CA), stated that she was not against the project but had concerns with how it would impact parking with machinery and equipment that will be used during the construction.

Ms. Olivia Lopez (6325 Passaic Street, Huntington Park, CA) spoke against case No. 1842-DP. Ms. Lopez stated that the owners are not good neighbors and that there has been vandalism in the area.

Commissioner Benitez informed Ms. Lopez that this Commission looks at land use related issues and that any vandalism should be reported and handled through the Police Department.

With no one else coming forward, the public hearing was declared closed by Chairman Molina.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, to APPROVE CASE NO. 1842-DP, subject to Conditions No. 1-22. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Benitez, Bravo and Chairman Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioners Lopez and Sanders.

New Business

None.

Information Items

None.

Subjects Presented by the Planning Commission

Chairman Molina directed staff to inquire into showcasing residential homes and providing awards to home owners that have made worthy improvements to their property as a way of encouraging others to do the same and instilling community pride. Mr. Bautista informed Chairman Molina that there was previously a “Community Pride” award program that was coordinated by the Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator. Mr. Bautista stated that staff would provide a sample certificate and nomination form to the Commissioners at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Molina adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary