



# MINUTES

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## CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Huntington Park City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
6550 Miles Avenue  
Huntington Park, California 90255

Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria, Commissioner Erika Nuno, Commissioner Angelica Montes, and Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa.

ABSENT: Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal,

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Steve Forster, and Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Sanabria led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Councilmember Eduardo Martinez approached the podium and bestowed a certificate upon the outgoing Planning Commissioner, Erika Nuno. In his address, Councilmember Martinez conveyed his appreciation to Ms. Nuno for her unwavering commitment, dedication, and exemplary leadership.

### **CONSENT ITEMS –** Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on January 17, 2024.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Erika Nuno to approve Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Barba-Ochoa. Motion **passed 4-0-1**, by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	Commissioner(s):	Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
		Commissioner Erika Nuno
		Commissioner Angelica Montes
		Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria

**NOES:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal

2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa to approve Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nuno. Motion **passed 3-0-2**, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa  
Commissioner Erika Nuno  
Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria

**NOES:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Angelica Montes

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **CASE NO. 2023-07 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) – A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A TYPE 41 (ON-SALE BEER & WINE – EATING PLACE) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSE IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE PUBLIC EATING PLACE (RESTAURANT) LOCATED AT 6503 PACIFIC BLVD WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIFIC PLAN – DISTRICT B ZONE.**

Associate Planner Lemessis Quintero delivered a comprehensive presentation to the Commission via PowerPoint, outlining the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to authorize a Type 41 alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license. During the presentation, Associate Planner Quintero provided background information on the property and its current conditions, emphasizing that the existing restaurant functions as a bona fide public eating place. Additionally, Ms. Quintero elaborated on various aspects of the project, including operational hours, staffing, and the absence of any changes to the building layout, façade, or operations. Supporting the presentation, Ms. Quintero included site photographs, floor plans, and an environmental review of the proposed project. As a recommendation, Ms. Quintero proposed the adoption of PC Resolution No. 2023-07 CUP, contingent upon the specified conditions of approval.

## **PUBLIC HEARING & QUESTIONS**

Representing the applicant, Rudy Lopez, an Associate of Liquor License Agents, addressed the stand and affirmed his presence. Mr. Lopez clarified that the business's core purpose would remain unchanged should the liquor license be granted. He emphasized that the license would enable the provision of a

comprehensive menu to customers, underscoring the applicant's commitment to aligning the business with environmental standards. Furthermore, Mr. Lopez reiterated the applicant's acknowledgment of the integrity essential for sustaining the business's operations.

Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa motioned to **Approve CASE NO. 2023-07**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)**, seconded by Commissioner Erika Nuno.  
Motion **passed 4-0-1**, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa  
Commissioner Erika Nuno  
Commissioner Angelica Montes  
Chairperson Jonathan Sanabria

**NOES:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal

**RECEIVE AND FILE –** None

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Community Development Director Steve Forster announced that Raising Cane's would have a soft opening on April 1, followed by the grand opening on April 2. He commended the Planning Commission for their invaluable contributions, emphasizing that the City's progress owes much to their insights and perseverance. Mr. Forster also extended his appreciation to the Commissioners for their unwavering dedication and hard work.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Barba-Ochoa extended his gratitude to Steve and the staff for their outstanding efforts, which have significantly elevated the city's standards. He expressed his honor in being a part of the Planning Commission.
2. Commissioner Nuno conveyed her gratitude to the staff for their exceptional presentations and highlighted the strong sense of camaraderie that has developed among Mr. Forster, the staff, and the Planning Commission. She expressed her appreciation for the learning experiences gained from the city and expressed enthusiasm for the continued approval of business ventures and opportunities in Huntington Park.
3. Commissioner Angelica Montes expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and acknowledged Mr. Forster's role in bringing significant improvements to the city. She remarked on the positive changes witnessed during her tenure and expressed her genuine fondness for her time in the city.
4. Chairperson Sanabria extended his appreciation to Mr. Forster for his ongoing efforts in driving improvements within the city, attributing them to his expertise and leadership. He expressed genuine gratitude for the privilege of serving on the Planning Commission and affirmed his commitment to advocating for the city's projects as a council member.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:26 p.m. the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Steve Forster  
Community Development Director