



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Acting Secretary Paul Bollier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner Adrian Tarango, Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal, Commissioner John Estrada, Commissioner Mario Gomez

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor, Arturo Flores, Acting Community Development Director, Sergio Infanzon, Acting Planning Commission Secretary, Paul Bollier, Administrative Specialist, Areli Caballero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tarango led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT ITEMS – Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on January 15, 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Gomez motions to approve the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Carvajal. Motion **passed 3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES:	Commissioner(s):	Commissioner Carvajal Commissioner Gomez Commissioner Estrada
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NOES:	Commissioner(s):	None
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ABSTAINED:	Commissioner(s):	Commissioner Tarango
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REGULAR AGENDA

1. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Carvajal nominates Commissioner Gomez to serve as Chairperson of the Planning Commission. No opposition or protest is noted. Secretary Paul Bollier takes roll call.

Commissioner Carvajal to Appoint Commissioner Gomez to serve as chairperson for the Planning Commission seconded by Commissioner Estrada. Motion **passed 4-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Carvajal
Commissioner Estrada
Commissioner Tarango
Chairperson Gomez

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 2024-07 CUP (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT) A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OFF-SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GROCERY STORE LOCATED AT 5610 PACIFIC BLVD WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE.

Ms. Caballero, Administrative Specialist, presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation to the Commission requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) for the on-sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with a grocery store located at 5610 Pacific Blvd. She provided in-depth information about the site, zoning map, project details, and current conditions. After careful analysis, Ms. Caballero determined that all six necessary findings for CUP approval were met and recommended that the Planning Commission approve PC Case No. 2025-07 CUP.

Hearing is open for public comment.

Commissioner Gomez inquiries about restrictions from the police and fire department. Ms. Caballero confirms the departments have submitted their own conditions of approval. The business owner Allan states he is cooperating with the city to make the city safer and keep the property clean. Commissioner Gomez asks Allan if he has gone through all the conditions. Allan states he has, and he cares about his customers' health and understands the dangers of alcohol and will do his due diligence to stop overindulging from individuals. The business owner's son Rudy thanks the Commissioner's for their time and presents a written communication from a neighboring business by the name of Woods Deli in support of the approval of the case. The Commissioners inquire about hours of operation, the number of people working, and the parking availability. Rudy informs the commissioners the hours are from 8am to 10pm

and there be from 2-3 people working in the store. Mr. Bollier confirms the business has enough parking available.

Commissioner Carvajal is concerned about the dangers of alcohol, overindulgence, and underage drinking. As a commissioner he would like to ensure the safety of the community. Rudy responds, saying they will not violate any conditions or laws. They will be strict with all their employees to enforce the use of ID scanners and do their best not to disturb residential areas. Commissioner Estrada questions if they currently sell spirits and wonders about the definition of onsite/ offsite sales of liquor. Ms. Caballero confirms that the business current only sells beer and wine and plans to add distilled spirits. The commissioner is informed that the onsite/ offsite sales of liquor refer to where the customers are allowed to consume alcohol. In this case loitering and drinking are not allowed on the premises.

Mayor Flores introduces himself to the commission and discussed his new goal for the city and adjustments that will be made. He thanks the commissioners for their services. Mayor Flores stated a liquor store should not operate 200 feet from a school if the laws say they are not allowed. He reiterated that the commissioners should not take a stance based on personal beliefs and should instead approve or unapprove projects depending on the letter of the law. The mayor left leaving the commissioners confused by the statement made. Tarango asks if they had made decisions in the past based on what they thought instead of what they should've been. Mr. Bollier said do you remember him saying using the words letter of the law, he means when you make a decision, you base your decision based of the municipal code which is how we present every case. Mr. Gomez said that's not what he heard. Commissioner Gomez asks if the business violates any zoning laws. Staff confirm they do not. Allan states that he has not had any violations in 28 years and will train his employees to abide by all requirements and laws. Commissioner Gomez argues that the council and commission should have some leeway. There are so many schools in the area that it would be hard to find a spot that is not 200 feet away from a school. Commissioner Tarango inquires if this is permitted since it is close to schools. Staff inform the commissioners that the business is located less than 200 ft from a school, however they will be operating as a grocery store which has no distance restrictions. Mr. Bollier informs the commission that our city is choosing to promote more grocery stores in the community and not liquor stores as they will serve the community better.

1. Commissioner Carvajal motioned to **Approve CASE NO. 2024-07 CUP (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT) REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OFF-SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GROCERY STORE LOCATED AT 5610 PACIFIC BLVD WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE** seconded by Commissioner Tarango Motion **passed 4-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Carvajal
Commissioner Estrada
Commissioner Tarango
Chairperson Gomez

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

RECEIVE AND FILE

Staff receive a letter in support of CASE NO. 2024-07 CUP from Woods Deli Owner Robert Valdez to file. The letter is attached on minutes.

STAFF COMMENTS- None

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Commissioner John Estrada - None.
2. Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal - None.
3. Commissioner Adrian Tarango thanks the staff for the communication as well as the presentation, and the overall work.
4. Chairperson Mario Gomez - None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07 p.m. the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Bollier

Acting Planning Commission Secretary