

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 24, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moore called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Susan Beasley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL was taken, with the following results:

Present: Chairperson Moore
Commissioner Madrigal
Commissioner Puentes
Commissioner Rios

Staff: Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development
Steve Masura, Redevelopment Manager
Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner
Wayne Morrell, Principal Planner
Steve Skolnik, City Attorney
Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary
Paul Garcia, Intern

Absent: Vice Chairperson Oblea (Excused)
Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement Inspector

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were declared closed by Chairperson Moore.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Puentes made a correction in communications that Commissioner Madrigal will be having his first grandson. The minutes of August 10, 2009, upon unanimous consent, were declared approved by Chairperson Moore.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Reconsideration of Conditional Use Permit Case No. 475

Request for approval to continue to utilize Lot 5 of Parcel Map No. 21685 for outdoor storage purposes in connection with the business located in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone at 9014 Sorensen Avenue, within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (USA Supply, Inc.)

Mr. Wayne Morrell presented the subject case.

The applicant was not present.

Commissioner Rios asked why the case was being presented today when it had expired in March 2009.

Mr. Morrell answered that the applicant needed to get bids to complete the repair of slats for the fence. There were also issues of overgrown weeds that had to be resolved.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Puentes made a motion to approve Item No. 6 as presented. Commissioner Rios seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Reconsideration of Modification Permit Case No. 1183

Request for a time extension to not provide the required number of off-street parking spaces related to a 7,980 sq ft mezzanine with the existing building at 12328 Hawkins Street, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone, within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (Jarrow Industries, Inc.)

Mr. Paul Garcia presented the subject cases.

The applicant was not present.

Commissioner Rios noted that this case had expired in August 2008, with the applicant requesting an extension in December 2008 and questioned the delay in presenting the case before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Garcia replied that while reviewing the case, staff had discovered several violations and wanted to have them resolved prior to presenting the case before the Planning Commission.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Madrigal made a motion to approve Items No. 7 as presented. Commissioner Puentes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners:

Commissioner Madrigal voiced his concern that so many cases are coming before the Planning Commission with long gaps from the expiration date.

Mr. Nguyen answered that there will be cases where delays may be evident while staff insures that the applicant is in full compliance.

Chairperson Moore made the comment that he was pleased that staff is taking the time to insure all problems are fully resolved prior to submitting them before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Skolnik concurred with staff.

Staff:

Mr. Skolnik advised staff and the Commissioners that he will not be attending the September 14 Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Skolnik advised the Planning Commissioners that the Heraeus Metal Processing case will be presented at the second meeting in September.

Mr. Ashworth announced that Heraeus Metal Processing Inc. plant (HMPI) is in compliance with regulatory emissions requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NATA report was based on inaccurate, incomplete and outdated data. The South Coast AQMD confirmed that the accusations regarding toxic emissions at HMPI were unfounded. These details were announced at a community meeting held on August 18, 2009 in the City of Cerritos. These findings will be included with the staff report involving the reconsideration of HMPI's CUP to be submitted to the Planning Commission at its meeting of September 28.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Moore adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Chairperson Moore

ATTEST:

Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary