

MINUTES – SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

APRIL 12, 2005

Call to Order

The Special Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Artesia was called to order on April 12, 2005, at the City of Artesia Council Chambers at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation

Commissioner Oliver lead the Invocation.

(In accordance with the court's decision in Rubin v. City of Burbank, only non-sectarian invocations are allowed).

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Vice Chairman Da Veiga.

Roll Call of Commission

Present:

Commissioner Medina
Commissioner Young
Commissioner Oliver
Vice Chairman Da Veiga
Chairman Menezes

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Associate Planner Okina Dor
Assistant Planner Dennis Harkins
Deputy City Attorney Carrie Lee
Planning Clerk Barbara Di Iorio

Approval of Agenda

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Agenda.

Announcement of Speaker Slips:

For record keeping purposes, if you wish to make a statement regarding any item on the agenda, please complete a Speaker Slip located in the lobby or at the podium and deposit it with the Planning Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please note that there is a five-minute time limit per speaker imposed. Please stay within this time limit.

Public Comments on Consent Calendar Items and any items that are not on the agenda.

None.

Consent Calendar

None.

Administration of the Oath:

Deputy City Attorney Carrie Lee administered the oath.

Public Hearing:

CASE NO. 2005-16:

**Modification to Case No. 2004-50
(Variances and Design Review)
and Variance
11446 Artesia Boulevard**

Commissioner Oliver abstained from this item due to the proximity of his home to the subject site.

Associate Planner Okina Dor presented Case No. 2005-16/Resolution No. 2005-17P as written in the staff report. A request to modify Variances for Case No. 2004-50, to exceed the maximum sign area permitted for the structure and to exceed the maximum size of a wall sign, and to modify Design Review Approval for Case No. 2004-50, to change the sign text and design of the existing wall signs; and a request for a Variance to exceed the maximum rows of text permitted on the wall signs for the property located at 11446 Artesia Boulevard, in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

Mr. Dor pointed out that in the original Design Review, there were flags and pennants identified on all exhibits presented to the city and were also included in the original approval of that original Design Review. It would be appropriate at this time to address the issue of the flags and pennants to obtain clarification of the original approved intent.

Chairman Menezes requested clarification of the Deputy City Attorney regarding whether or not the flags have been deemed part of the prior approval.

Deputy City Attorney Carrie Lee confirmed that the flags have been deemed part of the prior approval.

Chairman Menezes expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kwan for making the effort of including "Artesia" in the signage of the project.

Commissioner Medina concurs with Chairman Menezes and also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kwan for his efforts.

Commissioner Young requested clarification on whether or not the word Artesia will be on both sides of the building signage, and requested to see a color rendering of the new proposed sign.

Mr. Dor showed Commissioner Young the color rendering of the sign, and confirmed that "Artesia" will be on both sides of the signage.

Mr. Kwan approached the podium and thanked the Planning Commission. He wanted the Commission to know that because of their pride in their city, it has made him even more proud to have his facility in the City of Artesia.

Motion was made by Commissioner Young and second by Commissioner Medina to close public hearing. There were no objections.

There was no further discussion.

MOTION by Vice Chairman Da Veiga, second by Commissioner Young **TO APPROVE CASE NO. 2004-16/RESOLUTION NO.2004-17P AS PRESENTED BY STAFF.**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Medina, Young, Da Veiga, Menezes
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: Oliver

Items from Staff

Associate Planner Okina Dor reminded the Commissioners that at their next meeting, the Design Guideline consultant will be introduced. The consultant will give a brief presentation regarding the plans and goals of the Design Guideline as well as her scope of work. The Planning Commission needs to consider which, among them, is interested in participating on the ad-hoc committee for this project, so members can be selected at the April 26, 2005, Planning Commission meeting.

Chairman Menezes asked if any of his fellow Commissioners were interested in serving on this ad-hoc committee. He further explained that members of this ad-hoc committee would be looking at our current design standards and improving them or developing new design standards.

Mr. Dor added that the purpose of the Design Guideline is to show the vision and design the future of Artesia. There will be much brainstorming and input from the ad hoc committee and staff, and possibly from the community to form this guideline. These guidelines will cover the entire city, residential and commercial. The time for the meetings has not yet been determined. The consultant will be

flexible with the ad-hoc committee in scheduling the meeting dates and time.

Commissioners Young and Oliver expressed interest in being on the ad-hoc committee for the Design Guideline, as did Vice Chairman Da Veiga.

Commissioner Medina indicated that he is not available to participate in an ad-hoc committee at this time.

Commissioner Oliver asked Chairman Menezes if he would be available and interested in serving on the ad hoc committee.

Chairman Menezes indicated that he is available to serve on this committee. He further pointed out that Vice Chairman Da Veiga's experience and area of expertise matches the purpose of this committee best.

Mr. Dor pointed out that although there will be only two members of the Planning Commission on the ad hoc committee, the entire commission will still be invited to provide input in the Design Guideline.

Additional Citizens Comments

None.

Items from the Commission

Commissioner Oliver asked for an update regarding the roadwork being done at 183rd Street and Ibex.

Mr. Dor explained that there is a sink hole at that location that was caused by deterioration of an old pre-cast concrete line. The Los Angeles County Sanitation District is repairing the problem. Chuck Burkhardt, our Public Works Consultant has been monitoring the repair. There will be some delineation and they may have to go across the entire street to properly complete the repairs.

Chairman Menezes requested clarification regarding the discussion at the Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting of March 29, 2005, regarding

calculation of square footage and whether or not eaves count as lot coverage in this calculation.

Mr. Dor clarified that the calculation does not count standard eaves for lot coverage. There was additional discussion regarding the inclusion or exclusion of eaves in calculation of square footage and the interpretation by planners.

Deputy City Attorney suggested that she could discuss with the City Attorney and City Manager to see if this topic can be included in the ordinances that will be brought forward in the near future.

Chairman Menezes suggested that this issue regarding eves, and other issues might be included in another joint meeting with the City Council in the future. He would also like the in such a meeting, the foundation requirements for 6' block walls. Residents have expressed that it is too expensive to construct a block wall in Artesia because of the requirements.

Mr. Dor clarified that we do have standards already set regarding the foundation requirements for block walls. He further clarified the different types of foundation footing for block walls.

Vice Chairman Da Veiga suggested that the Building department look into different engineering designs that may not be as expensive as what we currently require.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 7:42 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Artesia City Council Chambers.

Attest

I, Barbara Di Iorio, Planning Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the Minutes of the Special Planning Commission Meeting of April 12, 2005, were approved at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on the 28th of June, 2005, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: **COMMISSIONERS: Menezes, Young, Oliver, Da Veiga**
NOES: **COMMISSIONERS: None**
ABSENT: **COMMISSIONERS: None**
ABSTAIN: **COMMISSIONERS: Nathan**

Barbara Di Iorio, Planning Clerk