

MINUTES – REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

February 23, 2010

Call to Order

The Regular Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Artesia was called to order on February 23, 2010, at the City of Artesia Council Chambers at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Young

Invocation

Commissioner Medina led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairperson Canales led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Medina
Commissioner Diaz (arrived 7:10 p.m.)
Commissioner Sousa
Vice Chairperson Canales
Chairman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Associate Planner Okina Dor
Assistant Planner Jose Hernandez
Deputy City Attorney Melissa M. Crosthwaite
Planning Clerk Erika Castañeda

Approval of the Planning Commission Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Medina second by Vice Chairperson Canales to approve the Planning Commission Agenda. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Agenda.

Announcement of Speaker Cards

Chairman Young announced that for recording purposes, if anyone wishes to make a statement regarding any item on the agenda, to complete a speaker slip 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

There were no comments from the public.

1. Consent Calendar

- A.** Approval of Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of January 26, 2010.
Motion by Commissioner Sousa second by Commissioner Medina to approve the Planning Commission Minutes. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Minutes.

Administration of the Oath:

At this time anyone desiring to speak on a public hearing item should stand and be sworn in by the Deputy City Attorney Melissa M. Crosthwaite.

New Business - Public Hearing:

2. Case No. 2010-02

Variance and Design Review 11732 South Street

Pro Signs, (Sam Sanchez) 2521 W. La Palma Ave #5 Anaheim, CA 92801
A request for a variance approval to exceed the maximum allowed height, five (5) feet for a proposed wall sign and design review to allow two (2) wall signs and to reface one (1) existing monument sign to an existing commercial building located at 11732 South Street in the Commercial Planned (C-P-D) Zone.
Resolution No. 2010-02P

Details of the case were presented by Associate Planner Okina Dor, as noted in the staff report.

Chairman Young opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ron Hart applicant for the project approached the podium and provided a new rendering of the proposed sign for all Commissioners to review.

Mr. Hart stated that he was driving through the City of Artesia to look at other major signs like Walgreens, Stater Bros and the 99 Ranch Market, and measured their signs which were much greater than what the 99 cent store signs are being approved for.

Mr. Hart asked staff why the 99 cent store signs are being approved for a much smaller size compared to these stores mentioned.

Chairman Young asked staff if the City of Artesia has changed their sign criteria recently and Mr. Dor stated that yes it has been modified about a year ago.

Mr. Dor stated that the reason why Walgreens, Stater Bros and 99 Ranch Market stores signs were greater than the one being proposed from the 99 cent store is because of the zone they are in.

Vice Chairperson Canales stated that since what was presented to the Planning Commission were new renderings of the sign, Vice Chairperson Canales recommended to table this item to the next months Planning Commission meeting to give Commissioners adequate time to review the new renderings.

MOTION by Commissioner Diaz, second by Commissioner Sousa **TO LEAVE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN TO NEXT MONTHS MEETING.**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Medina, Diaz, Sousa, Canales and Young
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

3. Case No. 2010-03

**Conditional Use Permit
18738-18742 Pioneer Boulevard**

Venkatesh Koka, 18760 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia CA 90701

A request for approval of a conditional use permit to allow a bar with a dance floor to an existing restaurant located at 18738-18742 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

Resolution No. 2010-03P

Details of the case were presented by Assistant Planner Jose Hernandez, as noted in the staff report.

Chairman Young opened the public hearing.

Mr. Venkatesh Koka applicant for the project approached the podium requesting to continue this item due to the fact that some paper work needed for this proposal is still pending on his behalf.

MOTION by Chairman Young, second by Commissioner Sousa **TO LEAVE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN TO NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Diaz, Sousa, Canales and Young
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: Medina

4. Case No. 2010-04

**Design Review
11815 Artesia Blvd**

Pioneer Artesia Center, (Luko Management) 16400 Pacific Coast Highway,
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

A request for approval of a design review for modification of Case No. 2009-31 with P.C. Resolution No. 2009-29P that allowed for the 2,700 square foot expansion of an existing restaurant located at 11815 Artesia Boulevard in the Commercial Planned Development (C-P-D) Zone.
Resolution No. 2010-04P

Chairman Young abstained from this item due to a conflict of interest with this item.

Vice Chairperson Canales opened the public hearing.

Mr. Herb Linden applicant of the project approached the podium stating he has been working with James Romo, architect for the project and is very interested in getting this project approved and stated this proposal will be an improvement not only to the tenant but also to the center overall.

Commissioner Medina indicated that prior to tonight's meeting, he met with the owner of the center as well as the applicant to discuss the same information that was presented in tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Medina also indicated that several emails were sent to him as well.

Commissioner Sousa also stated that he met with the applicant for the project regarding the proposal as well.

Mr. Jerry Doward approached the podium stating he will be a new tenant in the center and feels that this proposal would be great to the center and is in favor to get this item approved.

Mr. Michael Linden also stated that the Dollar Tree will bring a lot of business to not only the center but to the City of Artesia as well.

Mr. Gurpal Sodd also tenant of the center approached the podium stating he also is in favor of having this item approved.

**MOTION by Commissioner Medina, second by
Commissioner Sousa TO CLOSE PUBLIC
HEARING.**

Minor discussion was held with Commissioners about stuccoing the new addition that is being added to the center.

Deputy City Attorney Melissa Crosthwaite stated that condition No. 19 would then need to be modified indicating that the applicant could stucco the new addition of the center.

**MOTION by Commissioner Sousa, second by
Commissioner Medina to APPROVE CASE
NO. 2010-04/RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04P.**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Medina, Sousa, and Canales
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Diaz
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: Young

Report Item

None

Discussion Items from Staff

None

Items from Staff

None

Additional Citizens' Comments:

None

Items from the Commission

Commissioner Diaz stated that she will not be attending next month's Planning Commission Meeting, she will be on vacation.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m. to the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Artesia Council Chambers.

Attest

I, Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of January 26th, 2010 were approved at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on the 23rd of February, 2010 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Medina, Sousa and Young
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Diaz, Canales
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk