

MINUTES – REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

June 22, 2010

Call to Order

The Regular Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Artesia was called to order on June 22, 2010, at the City of Artesia Council Chambers at 7:00 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 Sousa
Vice Chairperson Canales
Chairman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Associate Planner Okina Dor
Assistant Planner Jose Hernandez
Deputy City Attorney Candice Lee
Deputy City Attorney Serita Young
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 May 25, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Sousa second by Vice Chairperson Canales 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 Candice Lee.

New Business - Public Hearing:

2. Case No. 2010-14

Design Review 11840 178th Street

Gimel Construction, 16410 S. Dalton Ave. #A Gardena, CA 90247

A request for design review approval for the construction of a new 399 square foot open patio trellis at the rear of the building adjacent to the day care facility for the property located at 11840 178th Street in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zone.

Resolution No. 2010-12P

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

Mr. Young Kim representative of Gimel Construction approached the podium giving a brief explanation on the patio that is being proposed.

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

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Medina, Sousa, Canales and Young

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

No further comments were made.

**MOTION by Commissioner Medina, second by
Commissioner Sousa to APPROVE CASE NO.
2010-14/RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12P.**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

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

3. Case No. 2010-15

**Variance
12231 183rd Street**

Mohammad Shahab Ullah, 2049 Orange Ave, Long Beach CA 90806
A request for approval of multiple variances (1. to exceed the required 50% lot coverage; 2. to provide less than the required 20'-0" front yard set back to 12'-0"; 3. to provide less than the required 10'-0" street side yard setback to 5'-0") to construct a new two-story single family dwelling for the property located at 12231 183rd Street in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zone.
Resolution No. 2010-13P

Commissioner Sousa abstained due to a conflict of interest with this item.

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

Chairman Young opened the public hearing.

Mr. Mohammad Ullah applicant for the project approached the podium giving a brief description of what he is proposing and is requesting to get this variance approved by the Commission.

Mr. Samson Teshome Civil Engineer for the project approached the podium stating that what the applicant is proposing is an improvement to the City and stated the setbacks being proposed would not be detrimental to the site at all.

Mr. Bruno Bustos drafter for the project approached the podium stating that the applicant's intention on applying for the variance is to propose less than the required front yard and side-street yard setback. Mr. Bustos stated that the applicant is trying to build as much as he could then work with the City to come to a final agreement on what can be built.

Chairman Young asked Mr. Bustos what the square footage of the house would be if all City codes would be met. Mr. Bustos stated he does not have an exact square footage off the top of his head.

Commissioner Medina asked the applicant if he would be willing to work with staff to do what is legal. Mr. Uklah stated if this variance is not granted how he is proposing it, he will not continue with this project the site will be left as is.

Ms. Carol Crawford which is a close by neighbor to the project site approached the podium stating that her concern with this project is the size of the house that is being proposed and not so much the setback issue.

MOTION by Commissioner Medina, second by Vice Chairperson Canales TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Deputy City Attorney Candice Lee gave a clarification to Commissioners on granting the variance being proposed as well as a clarification as to why the applicant cannot follow through with the setbacks being proposed.

MOTION by Commissioner Medina, second by Vice Chairperson Canales TO RE-OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.

No further comments were made.

MOTION by Vice Chairperson Canales, second by Commissioner Young TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION by Chairperson Young, second by Commissioner Canales to APPROVE CASE NO. 2010-15/RESOLUTION NO. 2010-13P.

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

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

4. Case No. 20106-16

**Design Review
11805 Artesia Boulevard**

Asi Inc. (Cheryl Loyd) 400 Kansas Street, Redlands CA 92373
A request for design review approval to remodel/reface two (2) existing pylon signs for the property located at 11805 Artesia Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.
Resolution No. 2010-14P

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

Vice Chairperson Canales opened the public hearing.

Ms. Cheryl Loyd representative of American Signs approached the podium stating that they anticipate on making the sign look better and the structure will remain the same as is, it is just being modified.

MOTION by Vice Chairperson Canales,
second by Commissioner Medina **TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING.**

No further comments were made.

MOTION by Commissioner Sousa, second by
Commissioner Medina to **APPROVE CASE
NO. 2010-16/RESOLUTION NO. 2010-14P**

Said motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

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

Report Item

None

Discussion Items from Staff

None

Items from Staff

Deputy City Attorney Candice Lee introduced our new Deputy City Attorney Serita Young who will now be covering the Planning Commission Meetings beginning August 2010.

5. Information regarding appointments to Planning Commission duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Dor stated that this discussion is for informational purposes only which pertains to the roll and duties the Planning Commissioners have. All Commissioners were given a copy of what their duties are as stated in the code book. Commissioners were asked to give any recommendations to improve the code book to help Commissioners render their decisions that are brought to the City Council. All suggestions and or recommendations will be forwarded to the City Manager for her to review and present to the City Council.

Chairman Young suggested if any Commissioners have questions regarding an item that will be discussed in the meeting, he encourages you to come into City Hall or call staff to get a clarification on that particular item.

6. Update on Athletic Studios Ordinance.

Mr. Dor updated all Commissioners on the outcome of the Athletic Studios Ordinance which was adopted at the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2010.

7. Update on City of Artesia Establishment fees for providing preliminary plan check services for the City's Planning Department.

Mr. Dor notified all Commissioners that the Preliminary Plan Check fees that were brought before the Planning Commission and were approved and went into effect June 14, 2010.

8. Information regarding Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)

Mr. Dor just informed the Commission on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way workshops that will be held in the Los Angeles County.

Additional Citizens' Comments:

None

Items from the Commission

Commissioner Medina indicated that on the corner of 183rd/Pioneer at the south west corner, there is some raised concrete on the walk way and indicated he called City hall to report this issue. Mr. Dor stated he will relay this information to the Public Works department once again.

Chairman Young wanted to thank staff for all their hard work and is looking forward to working with Mrs. Serita Young.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:25 p.m. to the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 27, 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 June 22nd, 2010 were approved at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on the 27th of July, 2010 by the following roll call vote:

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

Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk