

# MINUTES – SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

July 12, 2011

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### Call to Order

The Special Planning Commission Meeting of the City of Artesia was called to order on July 12, 2011, at the City of Artesia Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Canales.

### Invocation

Commissioner Canales led the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Pacheco led the pledge of allegiance.

### Roll Call

<b>Present:</b>	Commissioner Pacheco Commissioner Sousa Commissioner Young Vice Chairperson Uttecht Chairperson Canales
<b>Absent:</b>	None
<b>Also Present:</b>	Redevelopment and Planning Director Okina Dor Assistant Planner Jose Hernandez Deputy City Attorney Serita Young Planning Clerk Erika Castaneda

### Approval of the Planning Commission Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Young, second by Commissioner Uttecht to approve the Planning Commission Agenda. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Agenda.

### Announcement of Speaker Cards

Chairman Canales 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. None

**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 Serita Young.

**Continued Business- Public Hearing:**

**2. Case No. 2011-10**

**Design Review  
18616 Pioneer Boulevard**

Venkatesh Koka, 18760 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia CA 90701

A request for approval to allow a new restaurant with exterior façade improvements for the property located at 18616 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

Resolution No. 2011-10P

Vice Chairperson Uttecht stated he was absent during the June 28, 2011 Planning Commission regular meeting during which the Commission first considered Case No. 2011-10. Prior to today’s meeting he has listened to the audio of the June 28<sup>th</sup> hearing and read all documents considered at the hearing on Case No. 2011-10, and, therefore, will be participating in today’s hearing.

Details of the case were presented by Redevelopment and Planning Director Okina Dor, as noted in the staff report.

Chairman Canales opened the public hearing.

Mr. Koka applicant for the project approached the podium asked staff if condition No. 18 can be revised to allow the store front windows to be tinted instead of transparent.

Chairman Young asked Mr. Koka how dark he would like the store front windows to be on a scale of 1-5. Mr. Koka stated a 3.

**MOTION by Commissioner Sousa, second by Vice Chairperson Uttecht to CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Chairman Canales stated that for record purposes he would like to make a motion to reconsider continuing Case No. 2011-2010/Resolution No. 2011-10P to the July 26, 2011 Planning Commission regular meeting.

**MOTION by** Chairperson Canales, second by Commissioner Sousa **TO RECONSIDER CASE NO. 2011-10/RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10P.**

Said Motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Pacheco, Sousa, Young, Uttecht and Canales  
ANOES: COMMISSIONERS: None  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

Mr. Dor stated that attached in the report is a copy of the Downtown Design Guidelines that has a section pertaining to storefront windows and the guidelines. The guidelines indicate that tinted windows are strongly discouraged per Downtown Design Guidelines, but the revised plan indicates glass with no greater than 20% tinting are deemed to be in compliance with Downtown Design Guidelines.

Commissioner Young made a motion to amend condition No.18 to state that all store front windows shall contain glass with no greater than 20% tinting in compliance with the Downtown Design Guidelines.

**MOTION by** Commissioner Young, second by Commissioner Sousa **TO APPROVE CASE NO. 2011-10/RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10P.**

Said Motion was carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Pacheco, Sousa, Young, Uttecht and Canales  
ANOES: COMMISSIONERS: None  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

#### **Report Item from Staff**

None

#### **Discussion Items from staff**

None

### **Additional Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Koka approached the podium asking if an applicant is recommending a certain item to be approved and the Planning Commission as well as staff just follows the Artesia Downtown Guidelines, then what is the purpose of having a Commission and Planning Department.

Chairperson Canales stated that the Commission is here to enforce and make sure applicants follow the guidelines otherwise everyone would be doing what they want.

### **Items from the Commission**

None

### **Adjournment**

Adjournment at 6:25 p.m. to the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 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 Special Planning Commission Meeting of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved at the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2011 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:**           **COMMISSIONERS: Pacheco, Sousa, Uttecht and Canales**  
**NOES:**           **COMMISSIONERS: None**  
**ABSENT:**       **COMMISSIONERS: None**  
**ABSTAIN:**      **COMMISSIONERS: Young**

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Erika Castaneda, Planning Clerk