

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 11, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Madrigal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Chairperson Madrigal
Commissioner Oblea
Vice Chairperson Rios
Commissioner Ybarra

Staff: Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development
Wayne Morrell, Principal Planner
Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner
Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement Inspector
Paul Garcia, Intern
Henry Esqueda, Intern
Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary
Steve Skolnik, City Attorney

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2011 regular meeting were approved upon unanimous consent, and filed as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Conditional Use Permit No. 724

A request to allow the establishment, operation, and maintenance of an aluminum foundry to exceed the furnace weight capacity of 500 pounds and the total combined weight capacity for furnaces in excess of 1,000 pounds at 12711 East Imperial Highway (APN 8026-042-014/17) in the M-2-BP, Heavy Manufacturing-Buffer Parking, Zone and within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (Alumstar Inc. dba Pacific Cast Product, Peter Lake)

Mr. Henry Esqueda presented the subject case. The Applicant, Peter Lake, was in the audience.

Commissioner Oblea questioned the ordinance that pertains to furnace weight capacity. Mr. Skolnik and Mr. Ashworth clarified the question, respectively. It was also clarified that aluminum does not have human health or environmental issues. It was also pointed out that these furnaces are exempt from AQMD regulation.

Commissioner Ybarra asked the applicant if the company accepts recycled material for use in the furnaces. Mr. Lake answered, "No. The business obtains ingots from a foundry."

Vice Chairperson Rios questioned conditions Nos. 16 and 17 pertaining to sanitary sewers. Mr. Esqueda clarified that these are standard Public Works conditions.

Chairperson Madrigal asked about delivery truck use. Mr. Lake said the company mostly uses delivery services like UPS and FedEx and rarely makes personal deliveries.

Chairperson Madrigal asked about the metal sheds on the property. Mr. Esqueda clarified that these metal buildings will have to be demolished or re-clad by 2013, as outlined in the City's metal building ordinance.

Chairperson Madrigal asked how the cast products are cooled. Mr. Lake explained that the cast products are air cooled.

Chairperson Madrigal thanked the applicant for considering Santa Fe Springs.

Vice Chairperson Rios also thanked the applicant and said she was looking forward to an improvement of the property, which will add value to the City.

Having no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed by Chairperson Madrigal.

Vice Chairperson Rios made a motion to approve Item No. 6. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM

7. Conditional Use Permit 501-7

Review for compliance with conditions of approval related to the operation and maintenance of an open storage use involving empty truck trailers on property located at 11401 Greenstone Avenue, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone. (Coastal Property Holdings, LP)

The Planning Commissioners did not require a staff report and Chairperson Madrigal received and filed as adequate the compliance review, subject to another compliance review in five years.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners:

Commissioner Oblea stated that he would be on vacation and not available for the July 25 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Skolnik mentioned that due to one position being vacant, it is important that all other members be present for a quorum.

Commissioner Oblea asked about the patio improvements to be made at Senior Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill. Mr. Collazo indicated he had just returned from vacation but would be following up with the applicant for compliance and would report to Commissioner Oblea.

Vice Chairperson Rios said it was nice seeing Henry Esqueda and thanked him for such a good staff report.

Staff:

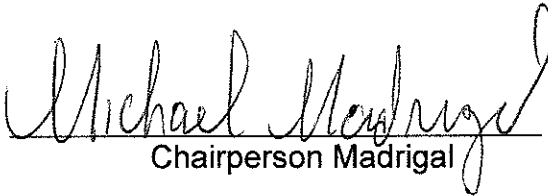
Planning Secretary announced that the Heritage Art Advisory Committee position expired on June 30, 2011. Frank Ybarra was nominated as the Planning Commission representative for a two-year term, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Morrell pointed out that Golden State Storage on Telegraph had already started work, as outlined in a recent approved modification. Several Commissioners had also noticed and voiced their approval.

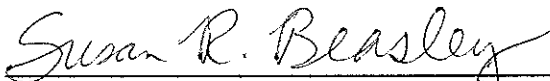
Mr. Ashworth announced that staff had met with two separate parties concerning two spec buildings proposed for large warehouse distribution centers. The formal requests will be started and brought before the Planning Commission in the next 60-90 days.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50 p.m., Chairperson Madrigal adjourned the meeting.


Chairperson Madrigal

ATTEST:


Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary