MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION MARCH 14, 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

Vice Chairperson Rios Commissioner Oblea Commissioner Rodgers Commissioner Ybarra

Staff:

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development

Wayne Morrell, Principal Planner Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner

Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement Inspector

Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney Paul Garcia, Summer Intern

Phillip DeRousse, Police Services

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting, upon unanimous consent, were approved and filed as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 49

Request for approval to allow the continued operation and maintenance of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 49 involving the storage and wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages at 13225 Marquardt Avenue within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area.

(RPM Consolidated Services, Inc.; Applicant, Shawn Duke)

Mr. Phillip DeRousse presented the subject case.

Commissioner Ybarra asked what type of alcohol is stored and if it is sold on premise.

Mr. DeRousse answered that it was a public warehouse and they only store alcohol for their customers who need overflow storage space. No alcohol is sold from this location.

Chairperson Madrigal asked what type of distribution is conducted.

Mr. DeRousse answered that the applicant is a transportation company, specializing in freight distribution.

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

7. Modification Permit Case No. 1214

Requests for approval to allow architecturally articulated walls to encroach two feet into the previously-approved 20' front-yard setback area along Telegraph Road and to encroach two feet into the previously-approved 10' foot side-yard setback area along Shoemaker Avenue on the 69,626 sq ft mini-warehouse property, located at 13020 Telegraph Road, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone, within the Telegraph Road Corridor. (Ojai Oil Company for Golden State Self Storage)

Mr. Wayne Morrell presented the subject case. The applicant, Tracy Stansfield, and architect, John Mulcahy, were in the audience.

Commissioner Ybarra asked if the setback affects the sidewalk and inquired about lighting. Mr. Morrell answered that the setback will project into the lawn/landscape area and will not affect the sidewalk. Mr. Morrell also indicated that the applicant would be using existing lighting.

Commissioner Oblea asked if the landscape depicted in the drawing would be accurate. Mr. Morrell said the drawings are conceptual but the finished landscape will be balanced in appearance.

Chairperson Madrigal asked if the existing building has living quarters. Mr. Morrell indicated that the existing building has a Manager's living apartment, which will be upgraded using the same contemporary design and materials.

Chairperson Madrigal asked if the lighting would be increased for nighttime security purposes. Mr. Morrell said the plans depict new facades with up lighting on the columns.

Commissioner Ybarra asked how many units. The applicant answered 320 storage units.

Commissioner Oblea made a motion to approve Item No. 7. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. Modification Permit Case No. 1218

Request for a Modification of Property Development Standards to allow reduction of the required 10' side yard setback to 1'8" with the construction of a Porte Cochere in the existing driveway for property located at 10335 Gridley Road, within the R-1, Single-Family Residential, Zone. (Martha Walsh)

Mr. Paul Garcia presented the subject case. The applicant, Martha Walsh, her daughter and Architect, Victor Pelayo, were present in the audience.

Vice Chairperson Rios asked if the existing gate would remain. Mr. Pelayo answered that the Porte Cochere will be built in front of the gate, which will remain intact.

Commissioner Ybarra asked if the Porte Cochere would match the roofline. Mr. Pelayo answered that the finished design will be consistent with the examples shown during the presentation, with the roofline and Porte Cochere roof being level.

Mr. Morrell gave the definition of Port Cochere as a drop off for passengers vs. carport and does not restrict access to the garage. There is a solid fire-rated wall between the house and the Port Cochere.

Commissioner Oblea asked about square footage. The Architect answered it will be approximately 1,200 sq. ft. when completed.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners:

Vice Chairperson Rios thanked staff for the updated Council/Commission chart

Commissioner Rodgers reported out on the 2011 Planners Institute Conference held in Pasadena on March 9-11, 2011.

Staff:

Mr. Nguyen wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Morrell passed out copies of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for LeFiell Manufacturing, located at 13700-13770 Firestone Blvd., to allow ample review time for the case which will be presented in April.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 p.m., Chairperson Madrigal asked for one minute of silence in memory of those lives lost in Japan and closed the meeting in their memory.

Chairperson Madrigal

ATTEST:

Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary