MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 27, 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.

ROLL CALL was taken, with the following results:

Present:

Chairperson Madrigal Commissioner Oblea Vice Chairperson Rios Commissioner Ybarra

Staff:

Wayne Morrell, Principal Planner Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner

Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement Inspector

Phillip DeRousse, Police Services Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary

Steve Skolnik, City Attorney

Absent:

Commissioner Rodgers

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development

Paul Garcia, Intern

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 13, 2011 regular meeting were approved upon unanimous consent, and filed as submitted.

CONTINUED ITEM

6. Conditional Use Permit No. 723

A request to allow the maintenance and operation of a pawnshop, located at 14156 Rosecrans Avenue, within a 1.032 sq ft portion of a 5,295 sq ft retail building located in the C-4 PD, Community Commercial Planned Development Zone. (Fares Tabello)

Mr. Morrell notified Planning Commissioners that due to the requested crime data not being fully received, staff is requesting that this case be tabled until such time when adequate information has been received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ybarra to table Item No. 6. Vice Chairperson Rios seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM

7. Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 13-5

A request to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an entertainment use involving disc jockey and live musical entertainment at the Señior Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill at 9803 Santa Fe Springs Road, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone, within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (Ricardo Jimenez, Señior Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill)

8. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 35-5

A request to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an alcohol beverage sales use for on-site customer consumption at the Senior Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill at 9803 Santa Fe Springs Road, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (Ricardo Jimenez, Señior Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill)

Chairperson Madrigal announced that Mr. Phillip DeRousse would present Item Nos. 7 and 8 at the same time. The owner, Ricardo Jimenez, was present in the audience.

Mr. Skolnik clarified the fact that conditional use permits do not expire and requested that the wording be changed on all staff reports from reconsideration to compliance review.

Commissioner Oblea questioned the storage of alcoholic beverages, as he observed boxes stored on the floor in an open area. Mr. Jimenez addressed the issue saying that they were currently working on a locked storage area where all alcohol will be stored.

Mr. Skolnik recommended that a condition be added, stating that all alcoholic beverages shall be stored in a locked room. Staff will make the appropriate changes to these staff reports, and in future requests for alcohol sales conditional use permits.

Commissioner Oblea also noticed the back patio in need of repair. Mr. Luis Collazo indicated that he was working with the applicant on this issue.

Commissioner Ybarra asked for clarification on the service calls. Mr. DeRousse said the service calls were not directly related to the sale of alcohol, such as selling to minors.

Commissioner Ybarra asked the applicant how long he had owned this establishment. Mr. Jimenez said he had only owned Sr. Charlie's for six years, however, he thought it had been built in 1939.

Commissioner Ybarra asked why they did not have a live band. Mr. Jimenez said due to the slow economy, they were only providing a disk jockey.

Vice Chairperson Rios asked why Conditions of Approval No. 8 for Case No. 13-5 refers to an updated security plan whereas, Conditions of Approval No. 28 for Case No. 35-5 used the term security plan. Mr. DeRousse stated that it was an oversight, but emphasized that as part of the compliance process, each security plan is reviewed.

Chairperson Madrigal asked about Conditions of Approval No. 2 for Case No. 15-3; where it refers to room rental. Mr. Jimenez indicated that they are not renting any of their facility now. Chairperson Madrigal asked about Conditions of Approval No. 4 regarding video surveillance. Mr. DeRousse stated as part of the inspection, the video surveillance equipment was inspected. Due to the level of current staff, Police Services is only checking for compliance when cases are up for compliance review and not on an annual basis. Mr. DeRousse will speak to the Director of Police Services on this matter.

Vice Chairperson Rios made a motion to approval Items No. 7 and 8 as presented. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 43-2

A request to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an alcohol beverage sales use for on-site customer consumption at the Mariscos Sol Y Mar Restaurant located at 8021 Norwalk Boulevard, within the Cefalia Center in the C-4, Community Commercial, Zone. (Ramona Valdez, Mariscos Sol Y Mar Restaurant)

Mr. Phillip DeRousse presented the subject case. The applicant was not present.

Vice Chairperson Rios reminded staff to add the condition of approval whereby alcoholic beverages shall be stored in a locked room. Staff so noted.

Vice Chairperson Rios noted that the windows were covered with signs. Mr. Morrell stated that the current code requirement is not more than 25%. This was reiterated by Mr. Collazo, who further stated that he had been somewhat lenient due to the slow economy.

Commissioner Oblea said that it appeared to be a clean family-run business.

Vice Chairperson Madrigal noted that the shopping center had parking problems. Mr. Collazo said it was an old shopping center but met the parking requirement at the time it was constructed, but is now non-conforming.

Commissioner Ybarra asked if the location would be affected if the new Metro Station was approved. Staff indicated that the proposed Metro Station is on Washington and this shopping center would not be affected.

Commissioner Oblea moved to approve Item No. 9. Commissioner Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners:

Vice Chairperson Rios asked about the I-5 ground breaking ceremony, since she was unable to attend. Commissioner Oblea answered that it very nice and well attended.

Chairperson Madrigal wished everyone a safe and fun 4th of July.

Staff:

Planning Secretary read the official Letter of Resignation from Doug Rodgers stating that due to his new job and longer commute, he would no longer be able to serve on the Planning Commission effective immediately. She also informed them that Councilmember Rounds will be appointing a new Planning Commissioner at the July 14 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Cuong Nguyen stated that staff was not increasing development fees. Mr. Morrell stated that the fee for reconsiderations would be reduced from \$1,000 to \$500 effective July 1, 2011.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 p.m., Chairperson Madrigal adjourned the meeting.

Chairperson Madrigal

ATTEST:

Susan R. Beasley, Planning Sécretary