

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 9, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chairperson Rios called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 4:30p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Chairperson Rios asked Commissioner Zevallos to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** was taken, with the following results:
Present: Chairperson Rios
Vice Chairperson Ybarra
Commissioner Johnston
Commissioner Madrigal
Commissioner Zevallos
Staff: Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development
Wayne Morrell, Principle Planner
Cuong Nguyen, Associate Planner
Luis Collazo, Code Enforcement Inspector
Paul Garcia, Planning Intern
Steve Skolnik, City Attorney
Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary
4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting were approved and filed as submitted.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING**
Development Plan Approval Case No. 328-1 and Environmental Document
Request for approval to apply an exterior facade and appurtenant improvements to an existing ±12,914 sq ft multi-tenant commercial building at 13473 Telegraph Road (Mandarin Inn Restaurant) and 10543 Gun Ave (future Denny's Restaurant), respectively. The ±12,914 sq ft multi-tenant commercial building is located within the Santa Fe Springs Plaza, a commercial shopping center at the northeast corner of Carmenita Road and Telegraph Road, with additional street frontage on Gunn Avenue, in the C-4-PD, Community Commercial-Planned Development Overlay, Zone within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area. (Stephan Schmidt for Carmenita Plaza, LLC.)

Chairperson Rios opened the public hearing.

Mr. Wayne Morrell presented the subject case. The applicant was not present. Mr. Morrell pointed out a few typo errors on the report, which Planning Secretary so noted.

Commissioner Madrigal asked about the patio size. Mr. Morrell explained that the patios vary in size. He also stated that the Fire Department requires all patios to have an exit.

There being no further questions, Chairperson Rios closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Madrigal made a motion to approve Item No. 6. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Conditional Use Permit Case No. 729

A request for approval to allow the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a foundry use on property located at 8444 Secura Way (APNs: 8168-026-004), in the M-1, Light Manufacturing, Zone (Robert Caro Company).

Chairperson Rios opened the public hearing.

Mr. Cuong Nguyen presented the subject case. The applicant, Mr. Robert Caro, and his father were present in the audience. Also present was the Architect, Mr. Roy Furuto of Furuto, Rubio & Assoc.

Commissioner Zevallos asked if there were any wash down or dipping involved in the process. Mr. Caro answered that they utilize a closed sink water system, with a tray inside the sink to catch runoff. Mr. Nguyen further explained that once the conditional use permit is approved, the company must submit their plans to the Fire Department where any potential hazmat issues would be evaluated and addressed.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked if they buy from the public. Mr. Caro answered that they deal strictly with pawnshops.

Commissioner Madrigal asked about their Whittier location. Mr. Caro said they are planning to close their Whittier shop once the subject property is ready to occupy.

Commissioner Madrigal asked if they use any chemicals in the process. Mr. Caro said they do use nitrite acid in the assaying process; however, they hire a company to come and pick up any residual material to ensure it is properly disposed.

Chairperson Rios welcomed Robert Caro Company to the City.

There being no further questions, Chairperson Rios closed the public hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 732 and Environmental Document

A Request by applicant, Azteca International, Inc. to allow the continued operation and maintenance of a tire recycling facility at 9138 Norwalk Blvd, located within the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone, and within the Consolidated Redevelopment Area. (Azteca International, Inc.)

Chairperson Rios opened the public hearing.

Mr. Luis Collazo presented the subject case. The Applicant, Diana Palencia, was present in the audience.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked if the company sold tires to the public. Ms. Palencia said they only re-sell the reusable tires to tire shops.

Commissioner Madrigal asked what they did with the old tires. Mr. Collazo explained they non-usable tires are bundled and transported to another recycling facility where they are either shredded or used for other commodities.

There being no further questions, Chairperson Rios closed the public hearing.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra made a motion to approve Item No 8. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Conditional Use Permit Case No. 655-2

Request for approval to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an open storage yard for trucks and truck trailers on property located at 11642 Pike Street, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing Zone. (Reserve Truck Lines, Inc.)

Mr. Paul Garcia presented the subject case. The Applicant, Mr. Fred Clark, was in the audience.

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked if there were any buildings on the site. Mr. Clark answered that there is a small building for office and storage, however, employees report to the site to simply park and pick up their trucks. Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked if they handled food or hazardous materials. Mr. Clark answered no.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve Item No 9. Vice Chairperson Ybarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners:

Vice Chairperson Ybarra asked staff about the trashcans at Santa Fe High School. Mr. Collazo reported that the trashcans had been returned to campus, but the ones by the street will not be replaced since they are had been subject to vandalism.

Commissioner Madrigal hoped everyone had a Happy Easter.

Chairperson Rios acknowledged Mr. Ashworth in the audience. She also welcomed Anthony Cruz, a student from East Los Angeles College who was observing.

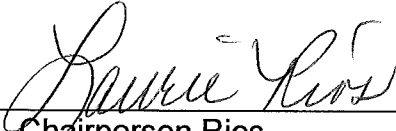
Chairperson Rios commended the City for the outstanding Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival; stating Parks and Recreation staff was wonderful.

Staff:

Mr. Nguyen pointed out this was their last Easter as a 3-member family, as the new arrival is due in 11 days.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rios adjourned the regular Planning Commission meeting at 5:10p.m.


Chairperson Rios

ATTEST:


Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary