

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 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 Vice Chairperson Ybarra 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
 Susan Beasley, Executive Secretary

Absent: Steve Skolnik, City Attorney and Paul Garcia, Planning Intern

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting were approved upon unanimous consent and filed as submitted.

CONSENT ITEM

6. Conditional Use Permit Case No. 670-2

Request for a time extension to allow the construction of a 4,700 sq. ft. commercial building to house a post office building (3,200 sq ft) and a yet to be determined retail use (1,500 sq ft) within the Santa Fe Springs Plaza, generally located 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.).

Mr. Wayne Morrell presented the subject case. The applicant was not present.

Commissioner Johnston asked for clarification of time extensions. Mr. Morrell explained that a two-year approval was granted in 2007 and a three-year extension was approved in 2009.

Commissioner Madrigal asked about the timeframe for occupancy by Denney's Restaurant. Mr. Morrell anticipates it will be within the next 8-9 months.

Chairperson Rios inquired about the stairs leading up from the sidewalk of this proposed site. Mr. Morrell answered that the stair access from the sidewalk on Lanette Avenue will remain.

Chairperson Rios observed that the proposed site is surrounding by many trees and asked if the trees would be cut back prior to the construction phase. Mr. Morrell was not aware of the Applicant's plans for the trees; however, similar trees were removed in front of the old Mandarin Inn building.

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

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners:

Vice Chairperson Ybarra observed that during the upgrade project for the Santa Fe High School baseball fields, trashcans were removed and asked if they would be replaced. Mr. Ashworth said it was the responsibility of the high school but staff would notify Principal Jamero.

Chairperson Rios asked about the status of the fence situation at The Dugout on Slauson. Mr. Nguyen said he does not know the owner's intent at this time; however, a decision must be made before the applicant's building permit is finalized. It should be noted that surrounding properties were sent code violation notifications for similar six-foot fences.

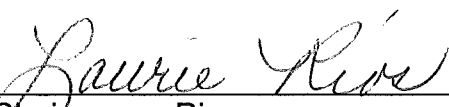
Chairperson Rios asked about a recent safety bulletin that was sent to homeowners. Mr. Ashworth addressed the crime/gang activity and the City's proactive and preventive approach.

Staff:

Mr. Ashworth announced his retirement from the City effective June 30, 2012. Well wishes were made by Chairperson Rios and fellow Planning Commissioners.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rios adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 5:00p.m.


Chairperson Rios

ATTEST:


Susan R. Beasley, Planning Secretary