



Monday, October 3, 2016

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gomez at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director
James Coiner, Public Works Superintendent
Evelyn Millare, Executive Assistant

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Celiz, Elisaldez, Gomez, Zermeno

ABSENT: Garcia

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Commissioner Zermeno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes for July 18, 2016 and September 19, 2016 to be approved at the next Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION NO. 532.3 TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT OF CULICHITOWN RESTAURANT TO SELL DISTILLED SPIRITS AND OBTAIN A TYPE 47 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9333 SLAUSON AVENUE

Project Location: 9333 Slauson Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Applicant: Sonia Huitron
9333 Slauson Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Project Planner: Julia Gonzalez
Deputy Director

Commissioner Gomez stated that the public hearing will be continued to November 7, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gomez stated there was no one present in the audience.

Commissioner Elisaldez asked about the situation with valet parking at Culichitown.

Deputy Director Gonzalez informed the Commission that there are no specific regulations with respect to valet parking. She said that staff met with the applicant to require valet parking on weekends and that parking should be stacked at the rear parking lot with property owner approval. She stated there have been no recent complaints and added that a Conditional Use Permit will include valet parking conditions.

Commissioner Celiz asked why the Conditional Use Permit process for Culichitown is taking so long.

Deputy Director Gonzalez said that the applicant still needs to resolve building permit issues and staff is requiring they complete these issues first before proceeding with the conditional use permit application.

AYES: Elisaldez, Gomez, Zermeno, Celiz
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

CONTINUED/OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Coiner reported that the tree trimming company contracted by the City would remove dead trees along San Gabriel River Parkway. With regards to the ivy growing along the street, Public Works staff was directed to perform trim. He explained that taking the ivy out completely would involve taking down the fence that could be on private property.

Commissioner Zermeno stated the residents want to improve and beautify the area but need direction. He suggested that the City work with the residents and develop a plan to address the numerous eye sores that have been ignored for many years.

Deputy Director Gonzalez stated these matters will be discussed with Code Enforcement and the Building Division.

Superintendent Coiner stated that he is hoping that the WRD project can be a source for the City for reclaimed water to use for the medians. He said he saw no benefit in planting additional trees if there is not a water source.

Commissioner Celiz asked if the City Council is aware of the concerns and questions brought up by the Planning Commission.

Deputy Director Gonzalez stated the issues are in the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Celiz asked if the company contracted by the City to trim City trees can work in the City for a longer period of time.

Commissioner Celiz stated that the company who trims the trees in the City does not place signs up only cones. She said that with the parked cars in the way, the company is not able to trim appropriately.

Superintendent Coiner stated that the company is supposed to place up notifications of scheduled tree trimmings and would speak with the company.

Commissioner Gomez asked how staff knows how many days are spent cutting City trees.

Superintendent Coiner said the company notifies the City Arborist, Martin Rios. He added that trimming in the City is done by grids.

Commissioner Celiz reported she observed vendors at Smith Park and as she has expressed at prior meetings, these vendors are taking money that would otherwise be made by the snack bar.

Commissioner Gomez stated that the City does not make money from items sold in the snack bar. Individual sports leagues run the snack bars and it appears they are okay with the outside vendors.

Commissioner Gomez asked Superintendent Coiner if there are any other plans for the center medians in the City as a whole where there are dead weeds.

Superintendent Coiner said there are plans in 2016-2017 to try out artificial turf on Washington Boulevard and that specs are in the works for installation and design.

Commissioner Gomez stated he thought there is an ordinance against artificial turf.

Deputy Director Gonzalez said staff would look into this to confirm there has been no change.

Commissioner Zermeno asked Superintendent Coiner if he could contact L.A. County about cleaning up the area off Rose Hills Road as motorists are entering the City.

Mr. Coiner said he would see what he can do.

Commissioner Celiz asked what was happening with the in-door swap meet property. She said she had heard that Costco in Montebello was closing and that Costco would be moving into the property.

Deputy Director Gonzalez stated that the land was recently purchased. She said the preliminary proposal from the new buyer was for an industrial building but nothing has been formally submitted. She stated she would check with the Economic Development team about a potential Costco.

Commissioner Zermeno asked for restaurants at the county lot located at the corner of San Gabriel River Parkway and Beverly Boulevard. He said it would be great revenue

for the City.

Deputy Director Gonzalez said there was nothing formal but would look into the item.

The Commissioners thanked Superintendent Coiner for coming in.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF Tuesday, Tuesday, September 27, 2016 –
Commissioner Celiz Zermeno had nothing to report.

Commissioner Gomez confirmed that he will be attending the City Council meeting on
Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

There being no further business the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at
6:59.

Paul Gomez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Julia Gonzalez, Interim Secretary
Planning Commission
Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development