



Monday, May 19, 2014

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ben Martinez, Director

Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Celiz, Garcia, Gomez, Zermeno

**ABSENT:** Elisaldez (excused absence)

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Commissioner Celiz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 5, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Zermeno and seconded by Commissioner Celiz:

**AYES:** Celiz, Garcia, Gomez, Zermeno

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Elisaldez

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 717 – A REQUEST TO SERVE BEER AND WINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXISTING SIT-DOWN RESTAURANT AT 9333 SLAUSON AVENUE IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-G) ZONED DISTRICT

Project Planner: Guille Aguilar  
Senior Planner

Deputy Director Gonzalez presented a PowerPoint presentation. Senior Planner Aguilar asked to be excused due to sickness. Deputy Director stated that the location of the restaurant is on the northwest corner of Parsons Boulevard and Slauson Avenue. The sit down restaurant is next to other uses such as a spay/neuter clinic, Rio's Pizza and 7-Eleven. The property owners are requesting a beer and wine license for on-site consumption.

The public hearing was continued from the May 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to provide additional time to obtain Sherriff's service call reports for the 12 businesses that have similar licenses within the census tract. The Sherriff's Department report listed two businesses within the Census Tract that had 13 service calls. The two businesses were Iguana's Night Club on Rosemead Boulevard and Taco Boys on Slauson Avenue.

Deputy Director Gonzalez stated that the subject restaurant will have no live entertainment or dining and therefore should not be compared to a night club. Taco Boys, also a sit down restaurant, gears to a younger crowd, whereas, El Buen Gusto Restaurant is family oriented and will be closed at 10:30 p.m. Deputy Director Gonzalez concluded the staff report.

The Planning Commission discussed the item and opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Celiz was concerned that there was an over proliferation of ABC licenses within the Census Tract and stated approving the license may be a detriment to the public.

Commissioner Zermeno stated that the restaurant was a sit down family style restaurant and did not believe that the restaurant would have the same issues because they did not have live entertainment and would be closed early.

Commissioner Gomez stated that staff should look into limiting future ABC licenses due to the over proliferation.

Director Martinez stated that staff would work on limiting the over saturation of ABC licenses, and all future ABC licenses would need to obtain a Conditional Use Permit and be evaluated on a case-to-case basis.

Melvin Cisneros, the applicant representative spoke on behalf of the restaurant owner. He stated that he did not receive a copy of the resolution listing the conditions of approval.

Deputy Director Gonzalez provided Mr. Cisneros a copy of the Resolution with the conditions of approval.

Director Martinez verbally read the main conditions of approval to the applicants. They agreed with the conditions.

It was motioned by Commissioner Zermeno to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 717, seconded by Commissioner Gomez.

Motioned carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners Celiz, Garcia, Gomez, Zermeno  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Elisaldez

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**CONTINUED/OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Staff to confirm with Commissioner Elisaldez.

There being no further business the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



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Ruben L. Garcia, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**



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Benjamin A. Martinez, Secretary  
Planning Commission  
Director of Community and Economic Development