

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Smith Frost called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Linda Smith Frost, Chair
Kevin Lachoff, Vice Chair
Dana Amy Sayles, Commissioner
David VonCannon, Commissioner
Scott Wyant, Commissioner

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Gorham.

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Comments for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Smith-Frost invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

Conditional Use Permit CUP P-2013102: Request to permit an indoor Baseball Training and Batting Cage Facility at 3609 Hayden Avenue

Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification that the applicant had requested the continuance; the Commission had not made specific requests, rather the applicant offered to make changes to address issues; the original motion to deny; traffic drop off and circulation patterns; alternative proposals; procedures if the Commission chooses to deny; code enforcement; remedies available to the City; continuing operation; recourse of the City; concerns of adjacent property owners; specific operational issues; and evidence of business operation on the internet.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VONCANNON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Chair Smith-Frost invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Danny Schwartz, owner, provided background on the project; indicted that they were not operating or accepting money, and do not have a business license; he reported hiring an expediting company called Southern California Landuse that has not delivered on their promises; he requested a continuance to enable him to work with Thomas Gorham to come to an agreement on conditions acceptable to the City and surrounding properties; and he discussed information he had provided to his expeditor that was not forwarded to the City.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LACHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VONCANNON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff, Commissioners and Mr. Schwartz regarding contact between the expeditor and the City; financial hardship; the initial initiation of dialogue by the owner; the requested postponement; the reason for the delays; clarification that the item would have to come back if the Commission wants to approve it in order to craft conditions of approval; the desire for a meeting between staff and the owner; review by the Traffic Engineer; the original intent to allow the owner to try to address issues; the need for a public promise from Mr. Schwartz to stop all operations; the fact that activity is taking place whether or not money has exchanged

hands; the responsibility of the applicant to take control of their own project; the previous urgency and desire to expedite the matter by the owner; acknowledgement of the investment; concern that the owner is operating without permission; the desire to have matters resolved quickly; correspondence to the contrary of what has been said; and postponing to a date certain.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LACHOFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VONCANNON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION: CONTINUE THE ITEM TO JUNE 24, 2015 WITH THE PROVISIO THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES THE VERBAL COMMITMENT FROM DANNY SCHWARTZ TO PADLOCK THE DOORS AND NOT USE THE BUSINESS UNTIL A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SAYLES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WYANT AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 8, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.

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Items from Staff

Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager, provided an update on upcoming meetings and agenda items.

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Items from Planning Commissioners

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:38 p.m., the Culver City Planning Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

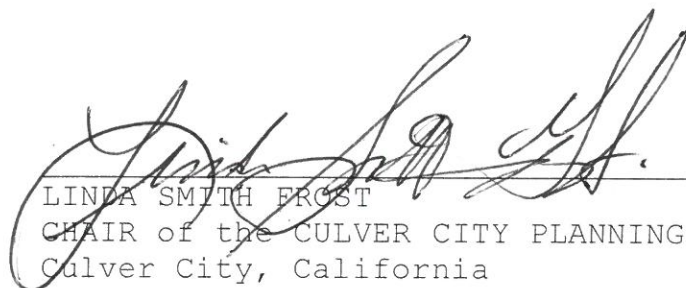
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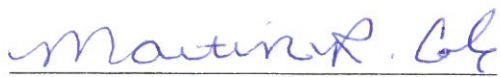
YVONNE D. HUNT
SECRETARY of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVED _____



LINDA SMITH FROST
CHAIR of the CULVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.



Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

20 JUL 2015
Date