

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2008

Commission Members present: Chairman Sanders, Commissioner Marshall, and Commissioner Freeman and Commissioner Wright.

Commission Members absent: Commissioner Davis.

Others present: Jim Manning, City Administrator
 Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner
 David Miles, Applicant's husband
 Manish Patel, Applicant

Chairman Sanders calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sanders declares time for a period of public comment.

There being no public present, Chairman Sanders closes the period of public comment.

Chairman Sanders declares time for the approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2008 meeting.

It is moved by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, to approve the January 28, 2007 minutes with corrections. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Freeman, Sanders, and Marshall.

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioner Davis

Chairman Sanders declares time for discussion regarding the request by Rene Miles for a home occupational use permit to operate a direct sales business (Party Lite) at 423 Cuppelo Drive on APN 005-300-028. The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to Section 15300.1.

Ms. Aguayo speaks regarding the type of business Mrs. Miles conducts, and explains the details of a direct business. Ms. Aguayo further explains that this is the type of business that falls within the requirements of the home occupational use permit and it is staff's recommendation to approve the home occupational use permit.

Chairman Sanders opened the public hearing.

David Miles, 423 Cuppelo Drive, applicant's husband comments on Ms. Miles's business emphasizing that no regular customers visit the home and that very little to any merchandise is kept in the home.

There being no further comments Chairman Sanders closes the public hearing.

It is moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve a home occupational use permit to operate a direct sales business at 423 Cuppelo Drive. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Sanders, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Commissioner Freeman, and Wright.

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioner Davis.

Chairman Sanders declares time for discussion regarding the request by Traveler's Motel for a sign permit to place a 6.5' by 4' foot sign to the front of Traveler's Motel advertising the availability of free breakfast and high-speed internet.

Ms. Aguayo explains the size of the sign and what materials the sign is constructed of, explaining this sign is better suited for a temporary sign permit. The sign is not a professionally manufactured sign. Mr. Manning explains this is not a professionally manufactured sign and allowing this sign as a permanent sign would set a precedent for future signs constructed in the same manner. Ms. Aguayo explains it is staffs recommendation to deny the sign permit for permanent use, and approve a one-year temporary sign permit with replacement within one year with a permanent sign.

Mr. Patel provides the Commission with a visual of the sign and explains that if the sign begins to deteriorate he will replace it; he also explains that he plans to replace the sign within one year with a professionally manufactured sign.

It is moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, to approve a one year temporary sign and replacement within one year with a permanent sign. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Sanders, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Commissioner Freeman, and Wright.

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioner Davis.

Chairman Sanders declares time for discussion regarding the request by Louis Cairos for a sign permit to replace the existing sign at Louis Cairos. Ms. Aguayo explains the sign is an 8' by 6' foot double sided professionally manufactured sign. The total square feet of the sign is 96 square feet which is less than the maximum permitted total sign area of 100 square feet. The sign is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to

Section 15302. Ms. Aguayo further explains that it is staff's recommendation to approve the sign permit.

It is moved by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the replacement of Louis Cairo's sign. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Sanders, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Commissioner Freeman, and Wright.

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Sanders declares time for Study Session the topic is Interim Ordinances.

Ms. Aguayo explains that Interim Ordinances are ordinances which can be adopted instantly by a four-fifths vote by the governing body in a time of urgency. Such as when a city has a problem that they are aware of but have yet to find a solution to it. Interim ordinances give the city or agency the time to solve the problem.

Chairman Sanders adjourns the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
Chairman Sanders

Attest: _____
Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner