

MINUTES
CITY OF CARSON
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
701 East Carson Street, 2nd Floor,
Carson, CA 90745

November 10, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chairman Saenz called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Salute to the Flag was led by Commissioner Park.
- 3. ROLL CALL** Planning Commissioners Present:
*Brimmer, Brown, Gordon, Graber, Park, Schaefer, Saenz, Verrett

(*Commissioner Brimmer arrived at 6:50 P.M.)

Planning Commissioners Absent:
Faletogo (excused)

Planning Staff Present: Senior Planner Signo, City Attorney Wynder, Associate Planner Newberg, Recording Secretary Bothe
- 4. AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION** Recording Secretary Bothe indicated that all posting requirements had been met.
- 5. AGENDA APPROVAL** Commissioner Park moved, seconded by Commissioner Verrett, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried (Commissioner Brimmer had not yet arrived).
- 6. INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESSES** Vice-Chairman Saenz requested that all persons wishing to provide testimony stand for the oath, complete the general information card at the podium, and submit it to the secretary for recordation.
- 7. SWEARING OF WITNESSES** City Attorney Wynder
- 8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** For items **NOT** on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. None.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes: October 27, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Park moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the October 27, 2009, Minutes as presented. Motion carried (Commissioner Brimmer had not yet arrived.)

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

A) Design Overlay Review No. 1337-09 and Variance No. 506-09

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, SW Suits, Inc., is requesting a freeway-oriented sign and a variance request to exceed the maximum allowable sign area for the Avalon Plaza shopping center. The subject property is located at 20761-20775 South Avalon Boulevard.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Senior Planner Signo presented staff report and the recommendation to APPROVE Design Overlay Review No. 1337-09 and Variance No. 506-09; and WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 09-2274, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson approving Design Overlay Review No. 1337-09 and Variance No. 506-09 for a freeway-oriented wall sign and a variance request to exceed the total allowable sign area for a shopping center located at 20761-20775 South Avalon Boulevard." He added an additional condition to require the trellises be made of metal, not wood.

David Dupetit, applicant, stated that the 3" x 30" freeway-oriented sign is the preferred size.

Commissioner Brown suggested the business name be consistently reflected on the signage.

Russ Fluter, property owner, stated that he has lowered the rents in this shopping center to help the tenants during this poor economy.

There being no further input, Vice-Chairman Saenz closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Verrett moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve the applicant's request, with the additional conditions to add metal trellises and remove graffiti within 3 days of written notification.

By way of a friendly amendment, Commissioner Brown asked that a condition be included to require all signage reflect the new business name.

The makers of the motion accepted the friendly amendment and moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-2274. Motion carried (Commissioner Graber abstained; absent Chairman Faletogo).

11. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Modification No. 1 to Relocation Review No. 3038.08

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Marsulex – Los Angeles, is requesting to construct a 720-square-foot modular office building within the Tesoro oil refinery plant located at 2160 East Sepulveda Boulevard.

Staff's Report and Recommendation:

Associate Planner Newberg presented staff report and the recommendation to WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 09-2275, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson approving Modification No. 1 to Relocation Review No. 3038-08 for the construction of a second 720-square-foot modular office trailer located at 2160 East Sepulveda Boulevard."

Vice-Chairman Saenz opened the public hearing.

Mark Berger, representing the applicant, noted his concurrence with the conditions of approval.

Vice-Chairman Saenz closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Graber, to approve the applicant's request as submitted.

By way of a friendly amendment, Commissioner Verrett asked that the word "structure" be consistently used throughout the documents when pertaining to the modular office building.

The makers of the motion accepted the friendly amendment, thus adopting Resolution No. 09-2275. Motion carried (absent Chairman Faletogo).

12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION None

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None

14. MANAGER'S REPORT

Senior Planner Signo advised that Planning Officer Repp is tending to her father and was not able to attend this evening's meeting, asking the Commission to keep Sheri and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Park invited everyone to attend the I-710 update workshop at the Dominguez Community Center on Wednesday, November 18th, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Commissioner Brown invited everyone to attend the Boys and Girls Club Kidsfest event this Thursday, highlighting a 2-for-1 deal.

Commissioner Graber wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and he welcomed the university students sitting in the audience.

Commissioner Brimmer reminded everyone of tomorrow's Veteran's Day event at 10:00 A.M. at Veteran's Park.

Commissioner Verrett wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Vice-Chairman Saenz requested, and received, input on the status of the Downtown Carson Street plans and the plans for widening/cleanup work on Main Street.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 P.M. the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 6:30 P.M., City Council Chambers.

Chairperson

Attest By:

Secretary