

**MINUTES
CITY OF CARSON
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CARSON, CALIFORNIA 90745**

MARCH 11, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Faletogo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Graber led the Salute to the Flag.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Planning Commissioners Present: Cannon, Faletogo, Graber, Hudson, Saenz, Verrett
Planning Commissioners Absent: None
Planning Staff Present: Associate Planner Signo, Assistant City Attorney Galante, Associate Planner Gonzalez, Recording Secretary Bothe
4. **AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION** Recording Secretary Bothe indicated that all posting requirements had been met.
5. **AGENDA APPROVAL** Commissioner Saenz moved, seconded by Commissioner Verrett, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried.
6. **INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESSES** Chairman Faletogo 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** Assistant City Attorney Galante
8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** For items **NOT** on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. None.
9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A) **Minutes:** February 26, 2008

MOTION: Vice-Chair Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Verrett, to approve the February 26, 2008, Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS CONSENT

B) Extension of Time for Tentative Parcel Map No. 61063

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Carson Redevelopment Agency, is requesting a one-year time extension for Tentative Parcel Map No. 61063 for the property located at 2254 East 223rd Street.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE the extension of time until March 14, 2009; and ADOPT a minute resolution extending the approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 61063 to March 14, 2009.

Planning Commission Decision:

Vice-Chair Hudson moved, seconded by Commissioner Verrett, to approve the extension until March 14, 2009. Motion carried.

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING None.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

**A) Design Overlay Review No. 1261-08 and
Conditional Use Permit No. 691-08**

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, South Bay Tattoo & Piercing, is requesting to approve tattoo and body piercing services operating within the CG-D (Commercial General-Design Overlay Review) zoned district and within the Redevelopment Project Area No. 4. The property is located at 1335 East Carson Street.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Associate Planner Gonzalez presented staff report and the recommendation to APPROVE Conditional Use Permit No. 691-08, subject to the conditions of approval attached as Exhibit "B" to the Resolution; and WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No._____, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson approving Conditional Use Permit No. 691-08 for tattoo and piercing services located at 1335 East Carson Street."

The Commission questioned why staff would be recommending a web-based security camera system for this business.

Senior Planner Signo stated that Sheriff's Captain Rogers has indicated his support of a web-based security system, noting that security camera systems are more affordable these days; and stated that this requirement would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Graber asked if the other three tattoo businesses in Carson have been required to have this same security system.

Associate Planner Gonzalez indicated no.

Assistant City Attorney Galante stated that even though the other establishments were not required to have this type of security system, it is the City's intent to update and improve its requirements as time goes on; and he stated that requiring this security system would be within the Commission's discretion.

Commissioner Cannon expressed his concern with this condition, noting that a final decision by the Planning Commission has not yet been established on requiring web-based security cameras for businesses in Carson.

Chairman Faletogo opened the public hearing.

Efrain Espinoza, applicant, stated he will be installing a security camera for his own protection, but advised that when he spoke with representatives from the Sheriff's Department, they were unable to tell him what type of camera system they would be able to work with; and he stated he would only support a web-based security system as long as the officers use it only when a call for service is needed, highlighting his concern with invasion of privacy rights. He advised that he has never had a call for police service at his other tattoo establishment in Carson, stating he operates a safe and clean establishment.

Lenore Pearson, mobile home park resident across the street, noted her opposition to allowing this business to be within a short distance of residential areas; advised that children often frequent this shopping center; and pointed out that other cities have denied tattoo establishments in their communities. She stated that it is difficult to find parking in this small parking lot.

Ishmail Henry, designer clothing store owner, stated this is a safe shopping center and noted his support of the applicant's request.

Gary Hild, nail salon owner, pointed out that most of the business at tattoo shops is done by appointments.

Charlene Simpson, mobile home park resident across the street, noted her opposition to this request; stated that she will no longer be doing business with the nail salon in this shopping center because of the very loud music coming from the clothing shop and the constant loitering of people in front of this establishment and in the parking lot.

David Espinosa, Wilmington, noted his support of this business; advised that the business clientele base is well established; stated the loud music and people loitering are not coming from the tattoo establishment; and he invited the Commission to visit this shop to see how clean the owner operates his business.

Gerald Ward, resident, stated that the music is coming from the cars in the parking lot, not the clothing store.

There being no further input, Chairman Faletogo closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Graber moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hudson, to approve the request. This motion was ultimately amended.

Commissioner Verrett offered a friendly amendment to delete Condition No. 16, suggesting they not be required to install the web-based security system.

The makers of the motion accepted the friendly amendment to delete Condition No. 16, deleting the requirement for a web-based security camera system, and adopted Resolution No. 08-2195. The motion carried with Commissioner Saenz voting no.

12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION None.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None.

14. MANAGER'S REPORT

Senior Planner Signo announced that an open house and community meeting will be held at the Community Center this Thursday to address the Avalon at South Bay project. He advised that two new employees have been hired in the Planning Department: one Planning Technician and one Planning Intern.

15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Saenz asked that an item be placed on the next Planning Commission agenda to discuss placing a moratorium on tattoo and massage establishments. The Commission did not support this request.

Vice-Chairman Hudson invited everyone to visit the Main Library this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Friends of the Library sale.

Chairman Faleto go thanked staff for facilitating the blimp rides, noting it provided an interesting perspective of the City.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 P.M., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, March 25, 2008, City Council Chambers.

Chairperson

Attest By:

Secretary