

PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2010

INITIATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Seibert, O' Leary, Chen, Horton, Valenzuela

Also Present: City Attorney Murphy, Community Development Manager Lambert, Associate Planner Gulick, and Planning Secretary Venters

4. TIME FOR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

No one came forth at this time.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 12, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE AS SUBMITTED

Vice Chairman O'Leary – Made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 12, 2010, with the corrections as stated, seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela and unanimously carried.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING: A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY THAT WOULD BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING MONOPALM (PALM TREE). THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE SUB-LEASING OF AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE MONOPALM THAT WOULD HOUSE AN EQUIPMENT SHELTER FOR THE RELATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE SUBJECT SITE IS ZONED GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) AND IS DESIGNATED AS COMMERCIAL ON THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP.

SUBJECT SITE: 6262 ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD

CASE NUMBER: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-1752

APPLICANT: KAREN SIPP
BEMIS DEVELOPMENT, INC.
250 EL CAMINO REAL, STE. 216
TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA 92780

PROPERTY OWNER: LOUIS SMALDINO
13601 E. WHITTIER, SUITE 200
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA 90605

RECOMMENDATION: 1) HEAR STAFF REPORT

- 2) HEAR THOSE FOR AND AGAINST
- 3) FIND THAT THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301
- 4) ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Seibert – Asked for a Staff Report.

Community Development Manager Lambert – Gave the Staff Report dated January 26, 2010.

Associate Planner Gulick – Gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Chairman Seibert – Asked if there were any questions from the Planning Commissioners for the Staff. The Planning Commissioners had questions at this time.

Commissioner Horton – Stated that he is aware that the new antennas cannot be obscured by the palm fronds, however, would like to know if they would be painted to blend in with the monopalm.

Community Development Manager Lambert – Stated that the new antennas would be flush mounted and painted to match the trunk of the monopalm.

Chairman Seibert – Asked if there were any additional questions from the Planning Commissioners for the Staff. The Planning Commissioners did not have questions at this time. Invited the applicant to speak.

Erick Little, Derra Designs, 250 El Camino Real, Ste. 216 Tustin, CA 92780 – Stated that he would like to clarify that the panel antennas are four feet tall as opposed to two and a half feet tall, that the microwave antennas are 30 inches tall, and that there would be a total of three panels and three microwaves antennas mounted to the monopalm. Stated that he concurs with Staff and would appreciate approval of this request by the Planning Commission.

Chairman Seibert - Asked if anyone from the public would like to speak in favor or against the proposed request. No one came forth at this time.

Vice Chairman O'Leary – Made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Chen and unanimously carried.

Vice Chairman O'Leary – Stated that he could make the findings to follow Staff's direction and vote in favor of this request.

Commissioner Chen – Stated that he could also make the findings to vote in favor of this request.

Commissioner Horton – Stated that he could make the findings to vote in favor of this request.

Commissioner Valenzuela – Stated that he could make the findings to vote in favor of this request.

Chairman Seibert – Stated that he could also make the findings to vote in favor of this request.

Commissioner Valenzuela – Made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit 09-1752, and find that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15301, seconded by Commissioner Horton and unanimously carried.

Chairman Seibert – Stated that the application was approved 5-0 and stated that there is a 15-day appeal/review period.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

9. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Community Development Manager Lambert – Stated that placed in front of each Planning Commissioner is a brochure for the League of California Cities Planners Institute and Mini Expo scheduled to take place in the City of Monterey from March 24th through March 26th. Stated that the annual conference is budgeted for all Planning Commissioners, and he would like to encourage that all members of this Commission attend this event, as it is specifically geared toward Planning Commissioners.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Seibert – Adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting of February 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary