

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
August 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Manley called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY VICE CHAIR MUNOZ

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: NIGSARIAN
ROJAS
MANLEY
MUNOZ
BERNIER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: DEPUTY DIRECTOR: RAMSLAND
ASSOCIATE PLANNER: D. LOPEZ
SECRETARY: V. LOPEZ

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak on any item not on the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair explained the Consent Calendar procedures. He asked if there were any members of the public or any Commissioners that wished to have any item removed. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Munoz seconded by Commissioner Rojas to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed with Commissioner Bernier abstaining from item number two (absent for that meeting).

1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.
2. Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of August 9, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 21-01 TO CONDUCT A LARGE SPECIAL EVENT (PUMPKIN PATCH) AT 777 SOUTH BEACH BOULEVARD.

Chair Manley asked if any correspondence had been received in regards to the item. Secretary Lopez said no correspondence had been received.

Associate Planner David Lopez gave the staff report.

Chair Manley asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Bernier mentioned that in 2018 there was an issue with someone staying on the property. Associate Planner Lopez said that the issue was resolved by moving the RV to the west side of the property, away from the residential area.

Chair Manley asked about the hours of operation. Associate Planner Lopez said they would operate seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Chair then asked about the strawberry stand structure currently on site and where it would be located during this event. Associate Planner Lopez said that it would be moved from its current location in order to conform with the approved site plan before the Commission. Anything not shown on the site plan would have to be removed.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak in favor of the proposed project.

Jay Eyer, owner of Santa's Garden, who operates the pumpkin patch thanked the Commission for allowing him to operate his business for the past 20 years in La Habra. Mr. Eyer clarified that the structure in question would be used as the office and it would be moved to the location as shown on the site plan.

Vice Chair Munoz asked if there were barriers to protect the guests from vehicles. Mr. Eyer said there is a chain link fence around the perimeter of the event.

Chair Manley asked about the parking spots shown on the upper part of the site plan. Mr. Eyer said those were employee parking spots.

The Chair then asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the proposed project. There were none.

The Chair closed the public hearing and asked for discussion or a motion.

Moved by Commissioner Nigsarian and seconded by Chair Manley, APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 21-24 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 21-01 FOR A PUMPKIN PATCH AT 777 SOUTH BEACH BOULEVARD, AS PER THE APPROVED PLAN AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: MUNOZ, ROJAS, MANLEY, NIGSARIAN,
BERNIER
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

There were no consideration items.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary