

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
February 28, 2022

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 COMMISSIONER BERNIER

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: MANLEY
MUNOZ
ROJAS
BERNIER

ABSENT: (EXCUSED) COMMISSIONERS: NONE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Manley 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 Rojas seconded by Vice Chair Munoz to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed, with Commissioner Bernier abstaining from item number two.

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 February 14, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Chair announced that we would be revising the order of the agenda and would hear item number two first.

2. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 22-10 TO CONDUCT A LARGE SPECIAL EVENT AT 1641-1721 WEST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY.

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 presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Rojas asked if alcohol would be served. Associate Planner Lopez responded no.

Commissioner Bernier wondered if the event location had moved. Associate Planner Lopez said it was in the same location as previous years.

Vice Chair Munoz asked if staff knew if it was a portion of ticket sales that went to Community Services or if it was a portion of the rental. Associate Planner Lopez said he believed a portion of the ticket sales went to the Community Center.

Chair Manley asked if that was the only connection to the Community Center. Associate Planner Lopez said yes. Chair Manley asked if any of the local business had raised any concerns regarding the event for previous years or if staff had received complaints from the community. Associate Planner Lopez said no concerns or complaints have been received.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak in favor of the proposed project. There were none.

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Bernier and seconded by Vice Chair Munoz, APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 22-10 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 22-01 TO CONDUCT A LARGE SPECIAL EVENT AT 1641-1721 WEST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, AS PER THE APPROVED PLANS AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: BERNIER, MUNOZ, ROJAS, MANLEY
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-01 FOR THE EXPANSION OF A RESTAURANT (RUBY REDS BBQ) AND MODIFICATION 22-01 TO MODIFY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 20-14 FOR AN ABC TYPE 41 ON-SALE BEER AND WINE LICENSE AT 1841 WEST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, SUITES A AND B.

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 presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Rojas asked if the restaurant would shut down during construction. Associate Planner Lopez said that the restaurant will continue operating during construction.

Chair Manley asked if the modification to the ABC license was due to the inclusion of the additional suite. Associate Planner Lopez said yes. Chair Manly asked what the new seating capacity had increased to. Associate Planner Lopez said they were adding about 20 plus new seats to their dining area.

Vice Chair Munoz asked if the wall on the east side of suite A would remain. Associate Planner Lopez said that the plans show that only a portion of the wall will be removed, to the right of the main entrance to gain access to the new expanded dining area. Vice Chair Munoz said he had concerns about the restaurant workers having a clear view of the diners in the new dining area. With alcohol being served he was concerned about keeping an eye on the patrons. Associate Planner Lopez pulled out the hard copy of the plans to see if it was clear on what was happening to that east facing wall. The plans were unclear.

Deputy Director Roy Ramsland said that the applicant was stuck in traffic and that the Commission could call for a short recess to give him time to arrive and answer the Commission's questions. He noted that it appears that they are removing the first 10 feet of the wall. Vice Chair Munoz said he assumed they would have staff over in the area marked pickup but assumed they would keep the current production line in suite B. Deputy Director Ramsland said that if the Commission has concerns they could condition the project to provide security cameras or to put in a window. Commissioner Bernier said she was concerned if there was a large group of people would the staff be able to keep an eye on them.

The Commission did not want to move forward without input from the applicant. Chair Manley called for a 10-minute recess to give the applicant time to arrive.

After 10 minutes the Chair called the meeting back to order.

Since the applicant had not arrived, the Chair said he was not comfortable making a decision without the applicant present to answer the Commissions' questions.

Chair Manley moved for a motion to continue the item to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bernier. The motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

There were no consideration items.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Deputy Director Ramsland said that at the next meeting they would be reviewing Conditional Use Permits for the placement of murals at two commercial businesses.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary