

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
October 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Rojas called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY COMMISSIONER SURICH

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: ROJAS
BERNIER
SURICH
MANLEY

ABSENT: (EXCUSED) COMMISSIONERS: MUNOZ

OTHERS PRESENT: DIRECTOR: KIM
PLANNING MANAGER: LUI
SENIOR PLANNER: QUIROZ
ASSISTANT PLANNER: O'TOOLE
SECRETARY: V. LOPEZ
CITY ATTORNEY: ROBERTO

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Commissioner Bernier and seconded by Commissioner Surich. The motion passed 4-0.

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 October 10, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-27 TO OPERATE A RETAIL STORE SELLING PRE-OWNED MERCHANDISE AT 551 WEST WHITTIER BOULEVARD.

Vice Chair Rojas asked if any correspondence had been received in regards to the item. Secretary Lopez said none had been received.

Assistant Planner O'Toole presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Rojas asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Manley asked what were the additional conditions of approval added to the project. Assistant Planner O'Toole described the three conditions that were added to the project including limiting the daily hours of operation to 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., limiting delivery hours to 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on weekdays only and prohibiting the storage of unattended donations outside of the building.

Commissioner Surich asked if this was a second location. Assistant Planner O'Toole said the first location was previously on La Habra Boulevard but closed. The location at 551 West Whittier Boulevard will be the one and only location.

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

Rose Marie Fisher, the applicant, addressed the Commission. Ms. Fisher explained that she has been a volunteer at the PTA Thrift Shop since 1992. She explained that they provide clothing to needy families as well as homeless people referred to them by Mr. Scott Miller, who was the head of the former CRCC (Community Resource Care Center). Ms. Fisher then proceeded to distribute copies of the PTA Thrift Shop's referral application form to each Commissioner and City Staff members present.

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Manley and seconded by Commissioner Bernier, approving Resolution No. 22-44, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 22-27 TO OPERATE A RETAIL STORE SELLING PRE-OWNED MERCHANDISE AT 551 WEST WHITTIER BOULEVARD, MAKING THE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS, AS PER THE APPROVED PLANS AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Lui introduced Brittany Roberto, from the City Attorney's office who will be attending the Planning Commission meetings on a regular basis. She also introduced, Vanessa Quiroz, the new Senior Planner.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Surich congratulated staff on a great Community Open House event that took place on October 22. She also reminded everyone about the Economic Development Forum taking place on October 25 at 9:00 a.m. Director Kim said that Miranda Cole-Corona and her team have worked hard to put this event on and that it focuses on businesses. The Forum will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Community Services Center. Commissioner Surich concluded by saying that Chamber Night would be at Senor Campos from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on October 25. All tips received go towards scholarships for local high school students.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary