

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2013

Study Session on Traffic and Parking at 6:30 p.m. in Founders Room was cancelled due to lack of staff to conduct presentation.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Lazenby
Vice Chair Margolin
Commissioner Alejandro
Commissioner Brietigam
Commissioner Nguyen
Commissioner Silva
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nguyen

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

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Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Alejandro
Motion carried by 7-0 vote.

At 7:07 p.m., Commissioner Silva recused himself from the following discussion due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-171-13. For property located at 12821 Knott Street, northwest corner of Knott Street and Acacia Avenue.

Applicant: Jeff Luzzi (Next Level Sports Complex)

Date: September 19, 2013

Request: A Code Amendment to amend the PUD-104-70 (Planned Unit Development) zone to allow the applicant to retrofit an existing legal fifty-foot (50') tall pole sign (double-sided with existing sign area of 190 square feet), with a new electronic reader board sign (double-sided with proposed sign area of 582 square feet). This would be an

increase in sign area of 392 square feet. The applicant is proposing to display on-premise and off-premise advertisements on the new electronic reader board sign. At this time, the City of Garden Grove has determined that an environmental determination is not applicable.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Mr. Jason Brennan, the applicant, Mr. Richard McClemmy, the sign expert, Ms. Lynn Schlocker in opposition to the request on behalf of Mike Baginski, Mr. David Johnson and Mr. John Woolley, also in opposition, and Mr. Harry Krebbs, in favor of the request. Thirty five letters and one petition with 49 signatures were submitted in support of the request. Twenty three letters were submitted in opposition to the request.

Action: Resolution of Denial No. 5710-13 was adopted without prejudice.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Margolin
Motion carried by 6-0 vote with Silva absent.

Commission Silva remained absent.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Brietigam commented that the sign was repaired on Lampson Avenue and that the City of Garden Grove should be proactive in discouraging the 57-bay, 24/7, trucking hub in the City of Cypress. Staff noted that a report the City received was being reviewed by Traffic Engineering in regard to the traffic.

Commissioner Zamora mentioned that traffic congestion occurred on Taft Street near the new condominiums by Costco; that access into and out of the Costco parking lot was difficult; and, wondered if lane stripes could be added, and parked cars at the curb dealt with to help alleviate the problem. Staff acknowledged that the condominium association had concerns with Costco cars parked during the day along with debris in front of their homes and that the concerns were referred to Engineering and the Police Department. Also, that two-way traffic promotes better access into Costco, and posted signs allow only parking at night.

Staff also mentioned that with regard to City identification cards for Commissioners, none of the other Commissions have I.D. cards and the business cards should suffice.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: The October 3rd Planning Commission meeting will be cancelled; the October 17th meeting has one item; and the November 7th meeting will include a CEQA Study Session. Staff gave an update on the Re:Imagine website and added that the Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Program Master's class will study the downtown area as a project and that to be selected was an honor. Also, the Olson Company awarded the Planning Commission for their partnership in helping to approve the small-lot subdivision project on Trask Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:10 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chambers, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Margolin
Motion carried by 6-0 vote with Silva absent.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary