



AZUSA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 16, 2011
7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: A copy of the following public hearing staff reports and Initial Studies, if applicable, for the Planning Commission projects will be available for review during regular working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday at the Planning Division and during regular hours of the Azusa City Library. Any questions regarding any agenda item may be answered by the Planning Division at (626) 812-5017. The Planning Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Azusa Civic Auditorium at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, California

Call To Order

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Alva the flag salute.

Roll Call

Members present: ALVA, KINDRED, DODSON, LEE, MILLNER

Members Absent: NONE

Staff Present

Economic and Community Development Director, Kurt Christiansen; BBK Attorney, Matthew Richardson; Senior Planner, Susan Cole; Assistant Planner, Kim Cooke ; and Planning Technician, Graciela Acosta.

Approval of Minutes

None

Public Participation

None

Public Hearings

1. Modification to Conditional Use Permit C-2001-05 and Precise Plan of Design P-2001-54

Applicant: Michael Chait, Representative of Laborers Training and Retraining Trust of Southern California

Location: 1385 W. Sierra Madre Avenue, Azusa CA 91702

Modification to the original Conditional Use Permit and Precise Plan of Design to allow the addition of a 5,000 sq. ft. educational building consisting of three new classrooms, four administrative offices and three indoor storage rooms on the campus of the Laborers Training School.

Ms. Cooke gave a staff presentation and answered questions.

Mr. Bruce Smith, applicant, gave a brief background on the Laborers School and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Kindred moved to continue Modification to Conditional Use Permit C-2001-05 and Precise Plan of Design P-2001-54. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: ALVA, KINDRED, LEE, MILLNER, DODSON

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The vote was 5-0. The motion carried approving Modification to Conditional Use Permit C-2001-05 and Precise Plan of Design P-2001-54.

2. Use Permit UP 2010-11

Applicant: Marcelino Reynoso

Location: 3751 Fish Canyon Road, Azusa CA 91702

A request for approval of a Use Permit to allow the construction and operation of an equestrian center in the OS (Open Space) zone.

Ms. Cole gave a staff presentation and answered questions of the Commission.

Mr. Wood, applicant and architect spoke and answered questions of the Commission.

Ana Guerrero and Marcelino Reynoso, owners answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Dodson moved to continue Use Permit UP-2010-11 to allow time for staff to research the issue further on this item, to Planning Commission meeting of March 30, 2011. Commissioner Kindred seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: ALVA, KINDRED, LEE, MILLNER, DODSON

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The vote was 5-0. The motion carried approving continuance of Use Permit UP-2010-11 to allow time for staff to research the issue further on this item, to Planning Commission meeting of March 30, 2011.

3. Development Code Amendment Number 232

Applicant: City of Azusa

Location: City wide

A City initiated request to amend various sections of Chapter 88, "Development Code, March 2005" of the City of Azusa Municipal Code. The proposed amendments involve minor adjustments, including by not limited to : allowable land uses, development standards, parking requirements and definitions to achieve consistency with California State Law and 2008-2014 Housing Element of the General Plan.

Ms. Cooke gave a staff presentation and answered questions.

Commissioner Kindred moved to approve Development Code Amendment Number 232 to amend various sections of Chapter 88, "Development Code, March 2005" of the City of Azusa Municipal Code. The proposed amendments involve minor adjustments, including by not limited to : allowable land uses, development standards, parking requirements and definitions to achieve consistency with California State Law and 2008-2014 Housing Element of the General Plan. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: ALVA, KINDRED, LEE, MILLNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: DODSON

The vote was 4-1. The motion carried approving Modification to Conditional Use Permit C-2001-05 and Precise Plan of Design P-2001-54.

**4. Amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Specific Plan SP 7 – APU and
Amendment to the SP7 – APU Development Agreement**

Applicant: Azusa Pacific University

Location: 801 E. Alosta Avenue, Azusa CA 91702

A request for an amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Specific Plan to expand the Specific Plan area to include the Crestview Apartments, located at 801 E. Alosta Avenue, in the DU-RMO (University District – Residential Moderate) zone.

Ms. Cole gave a staff presentation and answered questions of the Commission.

Mr. Dickerson, applicant's representative spoke and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Kindred moved to recommend to City Council approval of the Amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Specific Plan SP 7 – APU to expand the Specific Plan area to include

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the Crestview Apartments, located at 801 E. Alostia Avenue, in the DU-RMO (University District – Residential Moderate) zone. Commissioner Alva seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: ALVA, KINDRED, LEE, MILLNER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: DODSON (*RECUSED*)

ABSENT: NONE

The vote was 4-1. The motion carried to recommend to City Council approval of the Amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Specific Plan SP 7 – APU to expand the Specific Plan area to include the Crestview Apartments, located at 801 E. Alostia Avenue, in the DU-RMO (University District – Residential Moderate) zone.

Commissioner Kindred moved to recommend to City Council approval of the Amendment to the SP7 – APU Development Agreement to expand the Specific Plan area to include the Crestview Apartments, located at 801 E. Alostia Avenue, in the DU-RMO (University District – Residential Moderate) zone. Commissioner Alva seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: ALVA, KINDRED, LEE, MILLNER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: DODSON (*RECUSED*)

ABSENT: NONE

The vote was 4-1. The motion carried to recommend to City Council approval of the Amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Specific Plan SP 7 – APU to expand the Specific Plan area to include the Crestview Apartments, located at 801 E. Alostia Avenue, in the DU-RMO (University District – Residential Moderate) zone.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Reports and Communications

1. Staff update from the City Council of March 7, 2011.

Mr. Christiansen gave the City Council update to the Commissioners. He stated the majority of Redevelopment owned properties were transferred to the City. He announced, starting weekly in April through October there will be a farmers market at Block 36. He said the Agency entered into an agreement to sell Atlantis Garden property to Mercy Housing.

Discussion Items from the Planning Commission

Commissioner Kindred reported she attended a very informative League of Cities conference. Commissioner Millner stated she attended the same conference, asked for a California Environmental Quality Act tutorial, and status on Applebee's restaurant. Director Christiansen answered the restaurant now has an Alcohol Beverage Control license and opening is projected for end of summer. Commissioner Dodson announced his resignation to the Planning

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Commission after a decade of service and proceeded to extend his gratitude to the staff, Commission, Council and the public in Azusa.

Adjournment

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:16 pm.

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Next Resolution No.2011-07