MINUTES

INGLEWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

(1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The City of Inglewood Planning Commission held its meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, in the City Council Chambers, on the ninth floor, in City Hall. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Planning Commissioner Darius Leevy, the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Larry Springs

Commissioner Darius Leevy Commissioner David Rice Commissioner Aide Trejo Commissioner Terry Coleman

Staff: Linda F. Tatum, AICP, Planning Manager

Christopher E. Jackson, Sr., Senior Planner

Jeff Lewis, Assistant City Attorney

Eddy Ikemefuna, Planner II

Evangeline Lane, Acting Secretary

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Trejo made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 5, 2014 with corrections.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Leevy, Rice, Trejo, Coleman and Chairman

Springs

Noes: None

(4) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Tatum stated that the applicants for agenda items 6A and 6C have requested a continuance until the May 7, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting.

(5) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

(6a) SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 1194 (SP-1194) 206 SOUTH LOCUST STREET

An application by Dr. Osemwota Omoigui, for Special Use Permit No. 1194 (SP-1194) to allow an event center with live entertainment and the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for on-site consumption on an approximately 7,500 square-foot C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoned property at 206 South Locust Street and legally described as Lot 1 and 2 of Tract No. 916 (AIN 4021-012-003).

Chairman Springs asked for a motion for the continuance.

MOTION:

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to continue Special Use Permit No. 1194 to May 7, 2014, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Trejo.

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The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Leevy, Rice, Trejo, Coleman and Chairman

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(6b.) SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 1195 (SP-1195) 3380 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD

An application by John Pappas, representing AT&T, for Special Use Permit No. 1195 (SP-1195) to allow an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a 62-foot high clock tower within the common area of an existing shopping center on an approximately 8.4-acre C-2(General Commercial) zoned property at 3380 West Century Boulevard.

Mr. Eddy Ikemefuna, Planner II made the staff presentation.

Mr. John Pappas, Mission Viejo, CA, AT&T representative and Mr. Chris Fahey, property owner, came forward.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Mr. Pappas and AT&T, for the wonderful design of the antenna and asked if the clock will be functional and reflect daylight saving time. Mr. Fahey stated that he will make sure that AT&T has a working clock that will be well-maintained.

Commissioner Coleman asked Mr. Fahey if there is a consideration to install bird-deterrent spikes, and Mr. Fahey stated that there are limits and locks on the trash bins to keep birds from removing trash and that it is an ongoing task to ensure that birds won't nest in the area. He also stated that bird spikes will be installed atop the clock tower.

Commissioner Coleman asked whether, with the five-way traffic stop, there will be a problem with visibility or a distraction that might cause accidents, and if the applicant can come back in six months for a review regarding traffic safety. Mr. Fahey responded that this intersection was looked at, and if drivers honor the posted stop signs there should be no visibility problems with the clock tower. He stated that a six-month review of the traffic situation will not be a problem.

Commissioner Rice asked the applicant if the height of the tower will be five stories and whether the tower be transmitting, receiving, and relaying signals to another tower. He also asked if there would be a maximum of 12 antennae, and what the maximum wattage of the signal would be. He stated that if the signal would be within a couple of miles that would make the signal low-power wattage. Mr. Pappas stated that the tower is five stories and there would be a maximum of 12 antennae. Mr. Pappas stated he did not know the signal wattage, but the signal would be bounced to an antenna within a couple of miles of this location.

Commissioner Rice asked Mr. Pappas if AT&T would share this tower with other telecommunication companies and Mr. Pappas said that he believes that there is plenty of room to share the tower with another carrier, but he cannot say for certain. Ms. Tatum stated that the code requires new cell towers to be co-locatable for multiple carriers' use.

Chairman Springs asked both Mr. Papas and Mr. Fahey if there were any similar clock towers built by AT&T in the Los Angeles area or in the vicinity of Inglewood.

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Mr. Pappas stated that AT&T had not built the clock tower design. He stated that they have built the mono-palms and other tree designs.

Chairman Springs asked if there will be GPS antenna or cameras within the tower, or will the antennae be exposed. Mr. Fahey responded that the GPS satellite antenna inside the tower will be six-inches tall, there will be no cameras, and all the antennae will be housed within the tower and will not be visible.

Commissioner Coleman asked if staff could provide brochures from a company in Arizona that specialized in camouflage of cell towers to the new planning commissioners and the Chairman for their reference. Ms. Tatum stated that staff would see if those brochures are available, and if so, they would be provided to the Commissioners.

Chairman Springs opened the public hearing.

FOR:

None

AGAINST:

Mr. Stewart Bailey, Inglewood resident.

Chairman Springs closed the public hearing, and asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Commissioner Trejo made a motion to approve Special Use Permit No. 1195 (SP-1195) along with Design Review 77 (DR-77) and affirm Categorical Exemption EA-CE-2014-06 and adopt the attached resolution with additional conditions: 1) clock is to be maintained and continually operational; 2) bird deterrent spikes shall be installed; 3) the traffic conditions at the 5-way intersection being reviewed in six months; and 4) any additional traffic controls necessary be taken to address traffic situations that may arise from the clock tower. Commissioner Rice asked to add the request for visual aids. Ms. Tatum suggested recommending the six-month review be counted from the time of sign-off for the final inspection of the completed clock tower; the motion was a second by Commissioner Coleman that Resolution No. 1700, below, be approved.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR JON PAPPAS, REPRESENTING AT&T, TO ALLOW AN UNMANNED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY WITH 12-PANEL ANTENNAS, TWO GLOBAL POSITIONING SATELLITE ANTENNAS, 24 REMOTE RADIO UNITS, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WITHIN A PROPOSED 62-FOOT HIGH CLOCK TOWER WITHIN AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER ON AN 8.4-ACRE C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW OVERLAY ZONED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3380 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Leevy, Rice, Trejo, Coleman and Chairman Springs

Ms. Tatum explained the appeal procedure for the Special Use Permit and Design Review.

(6c.) SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 1196 (SP-1196) 817 NORTH LA BREA AVENUE

An application by Keith Morris, representing American Legion Jackie Robinson Post # 252, for Special Use Permit No. 1196 (SP-1196) to allow an event center with live entertainment and the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for on-site consumption within a tenant space of a multi-tenant commercial building on a 1.4-acre C-2(General Commercial) and P-1 (Automobile Parking) zoned site at 817 North La Brea Avenue).

Chairman Springs asked for a motion for continuance.

MOTION:

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to continue Special Use Permit 1196 (SP-1196) to May 7, 2014, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Trejo.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Leevy, Rice, Trejo, Coleman and Chairman Springs

(7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

• Councilman Alex Padilla, District Two. Thanked the Planning Commission and Planning Staff for a job well done.

(8) PLANNING COMMISSION INITIATIVES:

Commissioner Leevy:

 Thank you to the applicant AT&T for a very good looking project.

Commissioner Rice:

• Metro-Link tracks, make-shift tents from transients, at Florence just west of La Cienega Boulevard.

Ms. Tatum stated that Planning will give information to Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Trejo:

• Aviation and Arbor Vitae - what is being built.

Ms. Tatum stated it will be a new Rent-A-Car agency.

Commissioner Coleman:

• Corner of Yukon Avenue and Imperial Highway. Closed gas station. Transient living in the building; needs better fencing to keep out vagrants.

Ms. Tatum stated staff will contact with the property owner regarding the fencing.

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Chairman Springs:

• WSS Shoes - what is the status of the project.

Ms. Tatum gave a project status.

• 5th Avenue and Manchester Boulevard, old theater/new church site - what is the status?

Ms. Tatum provided a status.

• Crenshaw and 85th Street - what is the status?

Mr. Jackson provided the status.

(9) ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Springs adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m., and announced that the next scheduled meeting will be a Special Planning Commission meeting which will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in the Library Lecture Hall at 7:00pm.

Evangeline Lane, Acting Secretary City Planning Commission Inglewood, California

Approved this 7th Day of May, 2014

Chairman Larry Springs City Planning Commission