

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

February 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairperson Kim called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Charoen

INVOCATION: Pastor Steve Bland, La Palma Christian Center

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

Commission Members present: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Vice Chairperson Kim, and Chairperson Shanahan

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Don Pruyn, Interim Finance Director

CONSENT CALENDAR

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-1. Consideration of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 360 to permit a new large family day care home (Tomato Daycare) to be operated at a single-family zoned property at 5702 Oak Drive (APN 263-113-09)

- a) Vice Chairperson Kim opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Hutter gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Input:

The following residents spoke in opposition to the large family day care home, CUP 360:

Wallace Yelle, 7461 Puerto Rico Drive.

Dean Hines, 5712 Conifer Drive, asked for clarification of the age ranges for home day cares.

Associate Planner Hutter responded that the State regulates age ranges and detailed that they ranged from infant to kindergarten age.

Discussion ensued regarding maximum number allowed for each age group with each State issued day care license; and that the State conducts back ground checks on all applicants.

City Attorney Kuperberg noted that the State regulates a statutory maximum number of each age group from infants and toddlers, through kindergarten for large family daycares.

The following residents spoke in support of the large family day care home, CUP 360:

Sabrina Enriquez, 5672 Oak Drive.

Vivian Fellenz, 7441 Darlene Circle.

- d) Vice Chairperson Kim closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.
- e) Planning Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the current age ranges of the children who are enrolled; the number of children who are enrolled;

Kyong Kim, 5702 Oak Drive, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the current age ranges of the existing home day care and reported that parents with children over the age of three years tend to move their children into preschools. He added that the day care has been in operation for one year and commented on how rewarding the day care has been for his family.

Further discussion ensued regarding having to hire additional staff if the number of children increases; that La Palma currently has three large family day cares; the City's traffic calming efforts in the general area; that the City has not experienced any major traffic incidents in that area; details of the previously approved large family home day cares; the square footage of the day care including the play and back yard areas; that Staff has approved the specifications of the property from inspection; that the State conducts stringent inspections; the State requirements of caregivers per children ratio; support for providing home day care service needs in La Palma; that the Planning Commission has the authority to repeal a CUP if problems arise in the future; and that a review policy is not currently in place.

- f) Adopt Resolution No. PC 2014-01 Approving CUP 360, to conditionally permit a new large family day care home (Tomato Daycare) to be operated at a single-family zoned property at 5702 Oak Drive (APN 263-113-09).

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2014-01 approving CUP 360, to conditionally permit a new large family day care home (Tomato Daycare) to be operated at a single-family zoned property at 5702 Oak Drive (APN 263-113-09).

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Charoen and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Vice Chairperson Kim, and Chairperson Shanahan

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:44 p.m.

Steve Shanahan
Chairperson

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk