

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Kim called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:22 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Hwangbo

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

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

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager
Michelle Molko, Assistant City Attorney Douglas
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Dumhart, Community Development Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Scott Hutter, Associate Planner
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 2, 2014, and December 16, 2014, Regular Meetings of the Planning Commission.

Vice Chairperson Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Consideration of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 364 to Permit Straight-Up Fitness Facility to be Operated at 30 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 6

- a) Chairperson Kim opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Hutter gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Comment:

Roy Cordova, Centerstage Salon Owner, addressed the City Council regarding his concerns for the noise level of the fitness facility.

Associate Planner Hutter responded that the Conditions of Approval numbers 12 and 13 address volume control and tenant improvements to include noise dampening insulation and acoustical noise reduction elements to discourage disruptions to adjacent tenants.

Community Development Director Dumhart added that the hours of the Fitness Facility are 5-10 a.m. and 5-9 p.m. which are in direct opposition to the primary hours of operation of Centerstage Salon that are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- d) Chairperson Kim closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.
- e) Planning Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding support for the addition of this facility to the Centerpointe area businesses and that facilities like this have hours for customers usually before and after normal working hours.

- f) Adopt Resolution No. PC 2015-01 Approving CUP 364, to conditionally permit a new fitness facility (Straight-Up Fitness) to be operated from the mixed-use business zoned property located at 30 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 6 (APN 276-081-38).

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2015-01 Approving CUP 364, to conditionally permit a new fitness facility (Straight-Up Fitness) to be operated from the mixed-use business zoned property located at 30 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 6 (APN 276-081-38). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Goedhart.

Further discussion ensued regarding noise concerns to the adjacent salon; that Mr. Cordova stated his hours vary as early as 6 a.m. up to 10 p.m.; that there are vibration concerns from free-weights in addition to the noise level; that the municipal code has allowed levels of noise up to 10 p.m.; that Staff can evaluate additional noise dampening measures as part of the tenant improvement plans; and that the Planning Commission could add a condition to add synthetic flooring to address the vibration noise issue.

Commission Member Shanahan added a friendly amendment to the original motion to have the applicant place sound absorbing synthetic flooring as part of their Conditions of Approval.

Commission Member Hwangbo, as the maker of the motion, and Vice Chairperson Goedhart, as the seconder of the motion, accepted the amendment to the motion.

Michael Duivis, Straight Up Fitness owner, detailed his fitness program regimen; noted that facility serves 15 people per session; does not conduct cross fitness training; already plans to install synthetic rubber flooring, special carpet, and noise reduction insulation to address noise concerns; and that he takes his neighbor's concerns into consideration.

Further discussion ensued regarding future concerns, if any, being addressed as described in the Conditions of Approval.

The amended motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:39 p.m.

Peter L. Kim
Chairperson

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk