

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

May 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Shanahan called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:28 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Waldman

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

Commission Members present: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-1. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 347, Request from Harshi Antony for Approval to Operate an In-House Child Day Care Use (Large Family 9 to 14 Children) at 5001 Cartagena Circle

- a) Chairperson Shanahan opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.
- b) City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Input

Jonathan Loomis, 5021 Cartagena Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support of the day care center, but noted concerns of the business' patrons not adhering to the speed limit. He also inquired about allowing nose-in parking at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Roger Grover, 5032 Cartagena Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the day care.

- d) Chairperson Shanahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the legalities of parking nose-in in a cul-de-sac and that the traffic engineer would have to conduct a study in order to determine whether parking spaces could be inserted at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Chairperson Shanahan reopened the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Harshi Antony, 5001 Cartagena Circle, addressed the City Council stating that the current child count is 11 with ages ranging from 1 to 6 years old; that she did not know that her clients were not obeying the speed limit; and that her clients have adequate parking in her residential drive-way.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of square feet required per child in a day care; that the State requires 35 square feet indoors and 75 square feet outdoors per child; that the State is the regulatory body of the day care center; that the stated square footage required is only for a commercial preschool and not a residential day care; that the business has been in operation since 2002; that the applicant was originally unaware that she needed to acquire a business license, but has applied for

one; that there have been no further complaints; that the applicant will comply with the Conditions of Approval; the amount of vehicles that are regularly parked on the property; that the Police Department will be monitoring vehicle speeds along that street; that home based businesses require no impacts to the neighborhood; that City Staff does not have inspection authority except through the Conditional Use Permit process; and that the City will monitor the exterior impacts to the community while the State will regulate the interior impacts through spot inspections.

Chairperson Shanahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

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Lizbeth Ozturk, 6742 Naomi Avenue, Buena Park, addressed the City Council regarding her support for the day care center. She noted that the applicant has asked all clients to watch their speeds, and has provided parking in her driveway.

Sonny Alexander, 11392 Larkin Drive, Garden Grove, addressed the City Council regarding her support for the day care center.

Erika Vaughn-Jones, 11540 East 186th Street, Artesia, addressed the City Council regarding her support for the day care center.

Joelle Laudazabal, 5142 Dumaine Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support for the day care center.

Chairperson Shanahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.

- f) Adopt a Resolution approving Conditional Use Permit 347, a request to operate an in-house child day care use (large family 9-14 children) at 5001 Cartagena Circle.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2010-02 approving Conditional Use Permit 347, a request to operate an in-house child day care use (large family 9-14 children) at 5001 Cartagena Circle.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shanahan adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:59 p.m.

/s/

Steve Shanahan, Chairperson

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk