



CITY OF MONTCLAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

MONTCLAIR THEATER ROOM
9955 Fremont Avenue, Montclair, California 91763

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sahagun led those present in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Rowley, Commissioners Sahagun and Sanchez, Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell and Associate Planner Nemeth

Absent: Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Eaton, Community Development Director Diaz, and Deputy City Attorney Holdaway

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 14, 2019, regular meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Sahagun moved to approve, Chair Rowley seconded, there being no opposition to the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING - CASE NUMBER 2019-27
Project Address: 5450 Deodar Street
Project Applicant: City of Montclair/Crown Castle
Project Planner: Silvia Gutierrez, Associate Planner
Request: Request for a Conditional Use Permit, Precise Plan of Design, and Variance to allow a 78-foot high telecommunications tower and associated support equipment at MacArthur Park.

Assistant Director of Housing and Planning Manager Caldwell advised that a few hours prior to this meeting, staff received a proposed condition of approval for the project from the City Attorney's Office. The applicant has advised staff that they have not had sufficient time to discuss this with other personnel involved with the project and are therefore requesting continuance of this item.

Chair Rowley opened the public hearing.

Joel Taubman, representing Crown Castle and Global Signal Acquisitions, LLC, the entity making the application. Crown Castle has been working very closely with City staff for over one year on this project, which is to relocate the cell tower as a result of the I-10 Freeway expansion being conducted by SBCTA. He went on to say that they received and reviewed 44 conditions related directly to this site and, by email, gave their approval of the content of those conditions. However, only a few hours ago, were they provided an additional condition that appears, in their opinion, to be unrelated to the project at hand and they have not had an opportunity to review it. They ask that the added condition be removed or, as discussed by staff, their item be continued until they can further review the condition with their counsel.

Hearing no other requests to comment from the public, Chair Rowley closed the public hearing.

Chair Rowley advised that the item be continued to allow the applicant time to discuss this matter further with staff and counsel.

Chair Rowley asked Commissioner Sahagun and Commissioner Sanchez if they had any other questions. They did not.

Commissioner Sanchez moved to continue Case No. 2019-27 to the Planning Commission meeting on December 9, 2019, Commissioner Sahagun seconded, there being no opposition to the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Commissioner Sahagun commented on how nice the Lazy Dog Restaurant looked and asked if the opening date was known. Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell replied that Lazy Dog Restaurant anticipates opening December 13, 2019

Commissioner Sahagun asked about the closing of the Mission Tiki Drive-in Theater on Mission Boulevard. Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell replied the new owners are currently working on developing designs for the site. Chair Rowley commented that they originally said they were going to close at year-end but extended that to summer 2020.

Chair Rowley commented he attended Council Member Martinez's Celebration of Life service and it was extremely well done.

Chair Rowley stated that the last official board meeting for the General Manager of Monte Vista Water District (MVWD), Mark Kinsey, will be tomorrow, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. because he is retiring after 21 years.

Chair Rowley adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Embree
Recording Secretary