



CITY OF MONTCLAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
March 25, 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5111 Benito Street, Montclair, California 91763

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Rowley, Vice Chair Flores, Commissioners Martinez and Sahagun, City Planner/Planning Manager Diaz, and Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell

Excused: Deputy City Attorney Holdaway

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 25, 2019, regular meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Sahagun moved to approve, Vice Chair Flores seconded, there being no opposition to the motion, the motion passed 4-0.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING - CASE NUMBER 2019-02
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| Project Address: | 5060 Montclair Plaza Lane Owner, LLC |
| Project Applicant: | 5060 Montclair Plaza Lane Owner, LLC |
| Project Planner: | Christine Caldwell, Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager |
| Request: | Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a new electronic message center sign, a variance for the installation of additional signs, and a Precise Plan of Design to amend the existing sign program |

Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell reviewed the memorandum requesting continuance of the item to the April 22, 2019, meeting.

Commissioner Sahagun asked about the prior CUP approval for alcohol for several restaurants at Montclair Place. Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell stated that the previous CUP approvals were for the forthcoming theater, three future restaurants, and one for an entertainment/recreational use component, possibly a bowling alley type of entertainment use to be located on the bottom floor of the theater building. The AMC Theater has already completed their application with Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC). The theater needed to have the entitlement in place in order to begin the process with ABC for its on-site Type 47 alcohol sales license.

Chair Rowley opened the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Martinez moved to continue Case No. 2019-02 to the Planning Commission meeting of April 22, 2019, seconded by Vice Chair Flores, there being no opposition to the motion, the motion passed 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell stated the April 8, 2019, Planning Commission meeting will be cancelled because of the General Plan Charrette to be held in the South Conference room April 8 through April 11, 2019. The General Plan Visioning Charrette will be held all four days. Specialized workshop discussions will be held at noon each day, and at 6:00 p.m. the consultants will present to the public visioning plans derived from feedback received at the noon workshops. The General Plan consultant, Kaizer Rangwala, as you will recall, Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell continued, held a number of community meetings in January and February; the charrette process will put into play a

culmination of information, suggestions, and community survey results gathered during that process. A charrette is typically a freethinking and visioning experience whereby a number of design elements and visioning goals are thrown together with everyone in attendance brainstorming. Toward the end of the charrette process, a clearer vision for the General Plan update should be identified. All commissioners are encouraged to attend as many of the meetings as they possibly can.

Chair Rowley commented that he attended the Planning Commissioners Academy in Long Beach. He attended a class that discussed how to run a Planning Commission meeting. The workshop included a mock meeting incorporating all of the things one is not supposed to do/say during a meeting. He also attended a class that explained the relationship between staff and the Planning Commission. The class explained how staff and commissioners can interact with each other, clarified what the Commission can ask, fundamentals of CEQA and the Brown Act, etc. Chair Rowley went on to state that he believes he is bringing knowledge back from the Planning Commissioners Academy that he feels will be very helpful.

Chair Rowley stated he had the opportunity to run into Mr. Lance Sterling at The Canyon. Chair Rowley commented that Mr. Sterling told him that we have a great team here and that he has really enjoyed working in Montclair. Friday, April 5, 2019, will be the official grand opening of The Canyon with Vince Neil of Motley Crue headlining the evening.

Chair Rowley adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Embree
Secretary