



DISTRICT 7 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

MONDAY, July 12, 2010 -- 5:30 P.M.

Room 2120, Second Floor, Fresno City Hall

2600 Fresno Street, Fresno CA 93721-3604

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Clint Olivier

Present: Olivier, Fitak, Korotie, Nelson, Ruiz

Absent: Bozner, Barnes, Deniz, Maul

Staff: Fae Giffen (Councilmember Perea, Council District 7)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

a. Agenda for July 12, 2010

Motion to approve made by Nelson, Second by Ruiz.

Approve-All

Disapprove-None

Absent- Bozner, Barnes, Deniz, Maul

b. Approval of the minutes from June 28, 2010

Motion to approve by Korotie, Second by Fitake. Motion carries.

Approve-All

Disapprove-None

Absent- Bozner, Barnes, Deniz, Maul

3. PROJECT REVIEW – CONTINUED ITEMS

a. None

4. PROJECT REVIEW – NEW ITEMS

a.

Conditional Use Permit Application No.C-10-003-ABCUP was filed by Seth Merewitz, on behalf of the Walgreen Company and pertains to 1.39 acres of property located on the northwest corner of North Cedar and East Olive Avenues. Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-10-003 requests authorization to establish a State of California Alcoholic Beverage Type 20 License (sale of beer and wine for consumption off the premises where sold) at the Walgreen's store. A limited selection of beer and wine will be sold. Shelf space of beer and wine merchandise will be comprised of a 10-foot wide cooler and an 18 –foot wide beverage aisle. The property is in the C-1/cz (Neighborhood Shopping Center/conditions f zoning) zone district.

Olivier read project description into the record. Olivier opened the meeting to the public. In attendance were; Seth Merewitz of McDonald, Holland and Allen on behalf of Walgreens, Walgreens District Manager Robert Guillen, and Walgreens Store Manager Steve Borjas. The Walgreens in question would like to sell beer and wine. They will not be selling any singles or hard liquor. The store is currently closed and hopes to reopen in August. They are currently requesting an additional 10 feet of storage. Walgreens representatives then asked if the District 7 Implementation Committee had any questions.

Fitake asked about graffiti on the store sign, but also said she is glad the store is being rebuilt and agreed with their decision not to sell singles. Seth Merewitz said that Walgreens is happy to be rebuilding in the area and understands that PD might have had issues with singles and hard liquor being sold. Ruiz wanted to know what precautions are being taken to prevent sales to minors. Seth Merewitz said that Walgreens adheres to the State alcohol and beverage standards, engages in employee training, and has a zero tolerance policy. All employees will also go through the Fresno education program and no employees under 21 will handle alcohol sales. Ruiz still had concerns that some employees might not follow policy. Merewitz restated Walgreen's zero tolerance policy. Olivier asked if this store is surrounded by locally owned businesses. Merewitz said there are some. Fitake said there is a recycling company across the street and she has seen people sell items and then go to neighborhood liquor stores to buy singles. She thinks that Walgreens will improve the neighborhood. Ruiz wanted to know if Walgreens has a policy about hiring within the community. Walgreens representatives said that store managers hire team members based on qualifications, but that it is usually within their best interest to hire from the community due to language issues. Ruiz again asked if 2 people with the same skill set applied would any preference be given to the one who lives closest to the store. Walgreens representatives said that would be up to the manager based on qualifications. Fitake said she has filled out a Walgreens application and the questions are geared toward abilities and skills. Nelson asked about the possibility of adults buying for kids and asked if the store will have video cameras. Merewitz said yes.

Motion to approve by Olivier, Second by Korotie. Motion carries.

Approve-All

Disapprove-None

Absent- Bozner, Barnes, Deniz, Maul

5. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

Unscheduled matters are items added to the agenda without the required 72-hour legal notice requirement. These items may be discussed but official action may not be taken until legal notices are given as required by law.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Olivier, Second by Korotie. Motion carries.

Approve-All

Disapprove-None

Absent- Bozner, Barnes, Deniz, Maul