

**KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

District 1 Commissioner - Riley Jones

District 2 Commissioner - Mark Cartwright

District 3 Commissioner - R.G. Trapnell

District 4 Commissioner - Jim Gregory

District 5 Commissioner - Louise Draxler

April 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Kings County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Trapnell, on April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R.G. Trapnell, Louise Draxler, Riley Jones, Jim Gregory

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mark Cartwright

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Johanna Hartley, Greg Gatzka, Terri Yarbrough

VISITORS PRESENT: See attached sign-in list for partial list of visitors

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Zumwalt summarized the Agenda for the Commission.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Draxler/Gregory) to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Cartwright

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 596 (Hanford Columbians)

Mr. Zumwalt summarized the staff report to consider revocation of Special Use Permit No. 596 for failure to comply with the Special Use Permit standards and conditions. The application was originally approved by the Kings County Board of supervisors on March 24, 1964 to construct facilities for giving religious instructions and for activities mainly concerned with religion located at 5152 11th Avenue, Hanford, Assessor's Parcel Number 006-031-006. The original permit did not allow for a lodge hall or a rental hall and the Columbians failed to submit a new application. Mr. Zumwalt advised that an appeal of the Planning Commission's action may be filed within 8 days. Mr. Zumwalt also reported there is a one year limitation on applying for the same or similar permit. It is the recommendation of the Planning Department to revoke Special Use Permit No. 596.

Chairman Trapnell opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and asked if there was any testimony from anyone representing the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Ray Vasquez reported that as of August 2008, the Knight of Columbus was no longer renting the hall. Mr. Vasquez stated they are currently using the hall for meetings and to allow members use of the building for bereavement. He also stated they had not submitted the new Conditional Use Permit because a new board was being elected and they didn't want to approve anything during the transition. Mr. Zumwalt reminded the Knights of Columbus that the Conditional Use Permit would not allow for commercial use. Mr. Tom McCarthy, previous Columbian president, also testified on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. Chairman Trapnell asked if there was any other testimony on behalf of the Columbians. Seeing none, he asked for testimony in favor of revoking Special Use Permit No. 596.

The following people testified in favor of revoking the permit. Jacqueline Lowe and Katrina spoke in favor of revoking the permit. The issues were that large events had been held at the hall since August and there were issues with unsupervised children, loud music, attendees of events urinating in neighboring yards, horns honking late at night, and people parking across driveways.

Mr. Vasquez reported that two events had been held since August because they were events that took place each year and it would be a hardship for the event to be moved to another location. The Sheriff's posse held their Christmas party in December 2008. The Columbians allowed the event as long as permission was received from the neighbors. The Garden Club also held their annual event which was not a rental. Commissioner Gregory asked what the alcohol policy was for the events. Mr. Vasquez stated the rental agreement allowed alcohol as long as secondary insurance insuring the Knights. Commissioner Draxler asked if the Knights had plans to comply by applying for the CUP permit. Mr. Vasquez stated the application is completed and could be submitted as early as April 7, 2009. Laverne Gomez, wife of the grand night, stated that if events are only for Nights of Columbus events that she felt there would be a difference in the noise level.

A motion was made and seconded (Jones/Draxler) to take no action at this time on the revocation of Special Use Permit No. 596. Knights of Columbus shall submit an application for a CUP by 5:00 p.m. Friday April 10, 2009. The facility shall only be used for Knight of Columbus meeting until the CUP issue is resolved. Final action on the revocation will be taken once the CUP issue is resolved. Motion carried unanimously with Cartwright absent.

STUDY SESSION – Update of the 2035 General Pan and KCGPAC actions.

Mr. Gatzka reported that four Community Plans have been completed and the resource conservation, open space and air quality elements are currently being reviewed by the General Plan Advisory Agency. Mr. Gatzka also provided a brief overview of the Health and Safety Element that has completed review by the General Plan Advisory Committee. The Health and Safety Element addresses natural hazards, community health and community safety. Mr. Gatzka stated they partnered with the Fire Department on the Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as it overlaps with natural hazard issued addressed in the element. Common policy language has been incorporated into the Safety Element. The Blueprint Policy Council also adopted smart growth principles which are incorporated into the general plan, and this Health and Safety Element includes the over arching policies for smart growth implementation. Staff has been working to tie the Blueprint requirements and the General Plan together. Commissioner Gregory asked how binding the Blueprint requirements were. Mr. Gatzka explained that the Blueprint Policy Council actions will now go to each Council of Governments in the eight Counties for adoption. Our Kings County Association of Governments will likely require the County and Cities to adopt the policies that are tied to the Policy Council adoptions. If they are not adopted, transportation funding could be lost. Staff anticipates having a completed Draft General Plan update for the Planning Commission's consideration on May 4, 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2009. A special meeting was scheduled for the Chemical Waste Management Public Hearing on June 2 and 3, 2009.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Zumwalt presented a brochure from the Great Valley Center on training sessions and a notice from the California Energy Commission for a Fresno County project.

3. STAFF COMMENTS:

- A. Update for CUP 05-10 (CWM B18-B20)
None

4. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Draxler inquired on the Pimentel Dairy. Mr. Zumwalt reported they are on track and it would be coming back to the Commission in 60 days. Mr. Zumwalt also provided an update on the Fagundes appeal and stated that they have not submitted an application and will be going for an injunction.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



William R. Zumwalt, Commission Secretary

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Voluntary Sign in Sheet

April 6, 2009

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Tom De SANTOS	PO Box 1118, HANFORD CA
2. Ray Vasquez	P.O. Box 949 " "
3. Tom Mc CARTHY	3135 FOUNTAIN PLAZA DR HFD
4. JOHAN L. GONZALEZ	1589 BEULAH ST HANFORD, CA. 93230
5. LaVerne Gomes	1589 Beulah St Hanford Ca 93230
6. Bernard Costa	2579 Plum Ln. Hanford, CA 93230
7. ANTONIO GOMEZ	2490 GRAVE ST HANFORD CA 93230
8. Andy Perez, JR.	216 W. Ash Ave. HFD
9. John C. Lemar	2252 ASPEN ct. HFD 93230
10. Joe Crain	1332 Rodgers Road Hfd
11. Don Mattos	1750 Cedidge Circle, Hanford, CA 93230
12. PERRY WEBB	5228 N 11TH HANFORD CA. 93230
13. PIERRE BACHO	5260 N. 11TH AVE HANFORD
14. Theresa Bachoe	5260, N. 11 th Ave, Hanford, 93230
15. Mike Robinson	219 W. IVY Hanford 93230
16. Mike Carlson	516 E. Ash Ave. HFD.
17. Rodney Escamilla	5445 75th ave HFD 4104

The signing of the sign in sheet is voluntary and all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs the sign in sheet.

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Voluntary Sign in Sheet

April 6, 2009

NAME	ADDRESS
17. Richard Rose Jr	2545 Spruce CT Hanford
18. Alex E Kalandar	2145 Woodridge Way Hfd
19. Salvador Mangano PSR	811 W Six St Hfd Calif
20. John M. Lobosco Jr.	249 W Windsor Dr. Hanford
21. John M. Dias	2425 N Douty St. Hanford
22. Clarence Melton	1277 Mary St.
23. Michael Mendez	453 E. Redwood Wayne, Co
24. Lupe Vasquez	8935 Frontier St Hanford, CA
25.	
26.	
27.	
28.	
29.	
30.	
31.	
32.	

The signing of the sign in sheet is voluntary and all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs the sign in sheet.