

MINUTES

HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

HUNTINGTON BEACH CIVIC CENTER

2000 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92648

6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Vice-Chair Kalmick

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ROLL CALL: *Perkins, Scandura, Kalmick, Ray, Mandic, Garcia, Crowe*

AGENDA APPROVAL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY SCANDURA, TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Perkins, Scandura, Kalmick, Ray, Mandic, Garcia, Crowe
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

20-1984 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20-005 (STUMPY'S HATCHET HOUSE)

REQUEST:

To establish a 5,500 sq. ft. commercial recreation and entertainment use that consists of throwing hatchets within nine total interior managed spaces (pits) including on-site food and alcohol sales (Type 41 License, Beer and Wine).

LOCATION:

7225 Edinger Avenue, Suites A-E (North side of Edinger Avenue, west of Gothard Street)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

- A) Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 - Existing Facilities; and
- B) Approve Conditional Use Permit No. 20-005 with findings and conditions of approval (Attachment No. 1)

The Commission made the following disclosures:

- Commissioner Perkins visited the site.
- Commissioner Scandura visited the site, spoke with staff, and voted on previous entitlements for the site and specific plan area.
- Vice-Chair Kalmick spoke with staff and visited the site.
- Chair Ray had no disclosures.
- Commissioner Mandic visited the site.
- Commissioner Garcia had no disclosures.
- Commissioner Crowe visited the site.

Hayden Beckman, Senior Planner, gave the staff presentation on the proposed project.

There was discussion on the following items: parking, code requirements, the proposed interior layout, the type of proposed alcohol license, Police Department recommendations, and the Responsible Beverage Service training requirements.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED.

Eric and Adriana Lashelle, applicants, spoke in support of Item No. 20-1984. They gave an overview of their work history and the history of the franchise. They also reviewed the good safety record of the franchise.

There was discussion on the reservation limits, the occupancy limit, the layout, the costs for participation and for viewing, and the updated alcohol license request.

WITH NO ONE ELSE PRESENT TO SPEAK, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Responsible Beverage Service Requirements, the potential for limiting drink service per person, limiting loitering, and stricter requirements for the pit throwing areas.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY CROWE, TO FIND THE PROPOSED PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA AND APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20-005 WITH FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	Kalmick, Ray, Mandic, Garcia, Crowe
NOES:	Perkins, Scandura
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

MOTION APPROVED

FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:

The Planning Commission finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, because the project consists of operation and minor alteration to an existing structures involving a negligible expansion of use.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20-005:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 20-005 to establish a 5,500 sq. ft. commercial recreation and entertainment use that consists of throwing hatchets within nine total interior managed spaces (pits) including on-site food and alcohol sales (Type 41 License, Beer and Wine) will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons working or residing in the vicinity or detrimental to the value of the property and improvements in the neighborhood because the use is located within an existing commercial center with other similar uses. The use is primarily a recreation and entertainment business and the request for alcohol sales and service within the tenant space is ancillary to the primary retail use. The service of alcohol in conjunction with a menu of food items will benefit and serve the other uses in the center as well as the residential uses in the vicinity. The recreation and entertainment use will be conducted entirely within the building during operating hours and is not anticipated to generate additional noise, traffic, or impacts above existing conditions.
2. The granting of Conditional Use Permit No. 20-005 to establish a 5,500 sq. ft. commercial recreation and entertainment use that consists of throwing hatchets within nine total interior managed spaces (pits) including on-site food and alcohol sales (Type 41 License, Beer and Wine) will not adversely affect the General Plan because it is consistent with the Land Use Element designation of M-sp (Mixed Use – Specific Plan Overlay) on the subject property. In addition, it is consistent with the following goals and policies of the General Plan:

Land Use Element

Goal LU-11: Commercial land uses provide goods and services to meet regional and local needs.

Policy LU-11 (A): Encourage a variety of commercial uses that cater to local and regional demand to create an environment that meets resident needs and increases the capture of sales tax revenues.

The request will expand the range of goods and services provided in the area by permitting the ancillary sale of alcohol in conjunction with a proposed commercial recreation and entertainment establishment in a safe manner for residents and customers from the surrounding area. This proposed establishment provides expanded goods and services to meet the needs of the area and will add to the capture of sales tax revenue. The proposed use is located in vacant suites within an existing commercial center and is located along an arterial street with adequate accessibility.

3. Conditional Use Permit No. 20-005 to establish a 5,500 sq. ft. commercial recreation and entertainment use that consists of throwing hatchets within nine total interior managed spaces (pits) including on-site food and alcohol sales (Type 41 License, Beer and Wine) will comply with the provisions of the base district and other applicable provisions in Titles 20-25 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) because the proposed commercial recreation and entertainment establishment with food and alcohol sales, service, and consumption is permitted subject to a Conditional Use Permit within the Beach

Edinger Corridors Specific Plan Town Center Boulevard Segment pursuant to Section 2.0.5
(1). The proposed establishment will be located within an existing commercial center, which conforms to applicable site development standards, including parking.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20-005:

1. The site plan and floor plans received and dated October 19, 2020 shall be the conceptually approved design.
2. The use shall comply with the following:
 - a. Only the recreation and entertainment uses described in the project narrative shall be permitted.
 - b. The hours of operation shall be limited to the following:
 - i. Monday – Wednesday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 - ii. Thursday – Saturday: 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM
 - iii. Sunday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - c. During business hours, all entry and exit doors shall remain closed and unlocked.
 - d. Prior to sales, service or consumption of alcoholic beverages the business shall obtain an ABC license authorizing alcohol use in the restaurant. The business shall be limited to a Type 41 (On Sale Beer & Wine, Eating Place) ABC License. **(PD)**
 - e. Security must continuously monitor patrons in the establishment for signs of intoxication, especially prior to entering the business and the pit area. **(PD)**
 - f. No carryout alcohol sales shall be permitted. All alcoholic beverages shall be consumed within the restaurant. **(PD)**
 - g. No reduced price or promotions of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed after 7:00PM. **(PD)**
 - h. No games or contests requiring or involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted. **(PD)**
 - i. All employees engaged in the sale or service of alcohol shall complete mandatory Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training and certification. This shall be required for new employees within 90 days of being hired and for existing employees every 12 months. Training shall be provided by ABC or an ABC approved RBS trainer. Records of the training shall be maintained on-site for review. **(PD)**
 - j. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by on-duty employees and supervisory personnel is forbidden. **(PD)**
 - k. There shall be no live entertainment allowed without a valid Entertainment Permit issued by the Huntington Beach Police Department. Entertainment which would require modification of conditionally approved plans or that require addition parking,

like dancing, would need approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Department for that specific use. **(PD)**

- l. Signs shall be posted in a conspicuous space at the entrance/exit of the restaurant which shall state "NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEYOND THIS POINT." **(PD)**
 - m. Signage, posters, and advertising with "Do Not Drink and Drive" shall be posted in the business. **(PD)**
 - n. There shall be no exterior advertising or sign of any kind or type, including advertising directed to the exterior from within, promoting or indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages. **(PD)**
 - o. All areas where the sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages will be permitted must be sufficiently illuminated to permit the identification of patrons. **(PD)**
 - p. There shall be no window coverings or advertisements that reduce the visibility inside of the business. This will assist officers in observing crimes in progress. **(PD)**
 - q. The establishment shall employ a video surveillance security system with a minimum of one-month video library recorded to a DVR or Cloud based system. The cameras minimum requirements will be: clear, color, digital and able to record in low light. The business shall ensure all public areas, entrances, exits, parking areas to the front and adjacent to the business are covered by video surveillance. Electronic copies of video must be made available to the Huntington Beach Police Department within 48 hours of request. Digital recordings shall be made available for viewing on-scene upon request by police personnel conducting investigations. You are required to have someone able to operate the system on duty during all business hours. **(PD)**
 - r. All owners, employees, representatives, and agents must obey all state, local, and municipal laws, and conditions of the Conditional Use Permit, Alcoholic Beverage Control License and any other regulations, provisions, or restrictions prescribed by a regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the premise at all times. **(PD)**
3. CUP No. 20-005 shall become null and void unless exercised within two years of the date of final approval or such extension of time as may be granted by the Director pursuant to a written request submitted to the Community Development Department a minimum 30 days prior to the expiration date.
4. The Development Services Departments and divisions (Building & Safety, Fire, Planning and Public Works) shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable code requirements and conditions of approval. The Director of Community Development may approve minor amendments to plans and/or conditions of approval as appropriate based on changed circumstances, new information or other relevant factors. Any proposed plan/project revisions shall be called out on the plan sets submitted for building permits. Permits shall not be issued until the Development Services Departments have reviewed and approved the proposed changes for conformance with the intent of the Planning Commission's action. If the proposed changes are of a substantial nature, an amendment to the original entitlement reviewed by the Planning Commission may be required pursuant to the provisions of HBZSO Section 241.18.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS CONDITION:

The owner of the property which is the subject of this project and the project applicant if different from the property owner, and each of their heirs, successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntington Beach and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceedings, liability cost, including attorney's fees and costs against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the City, including but not limited to any approval granted by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Design Review Board concerning this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and should cooperate fully in the defense thereof.

CONSENT CALENDAR

20-2017 APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 27, 2020

Recommended Action:

That the Planning Commission take the following action:

"Approve the October 27, 2020, Planning Commission Minutes as submitted."

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KALMICK, SECONDED BY MANDIC, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AS SUBMITTED, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Perkins, Scandura, Kalmick, Ray, Mandic, Garcia, Crowe
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION APPROVED

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - NONE

PLANNING ITEMS

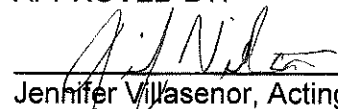
Jane James, Planning Manager, reported on recent and upcoming City Council meetings and reported on items scheduled for upcoming Planning Commission meetings.

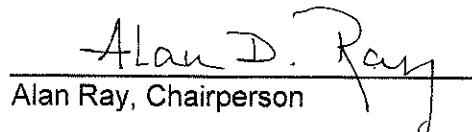
PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

The commissioners congratulated Vice-Chair Kalmick on his election to the City Council. Vice-Chair Kalmick thanked his fellow commissioners and staff for a positive experience on the Planning Commission and promised to appoint a wonderful commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 6:58 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 24, 2020.

APPROVED BY:


Jennifer Villaseñor, Acting Secretary


Alan Ray, Chairperson