

The Planning Commission of the City of Brawley, California, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California, the date, time, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. 54954.

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Due to Chairman Marquez's temporary illness making it difficult to speak, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Hutchinson at 5:35 p.m.

**Present:** Hutchinson, Marquez, Sagredo, Bumbera, Smith, Goyal (5:36 p.m.)

**Absent:** Reyes

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the agenda as presented. m/s/c Marquez/Sagredo 6-0

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the minutes of November 6, 2013 as presented. m/s/c Marquez/Smith 6-0

#### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Vice Chairman Hutchinson called for public appearances. There were none.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Due notice having been given, now is the time to consider an application for a variance (VAR14-01) from the standard requirement of a masonry wall in commercial areas to allow for the installation of a chain link in a P-D (Planned Development) zone located within the Downtown Specific Plan-Civic Center Neighborhood zone.

Applicant: Kalina Rebollar on behalf of  
Alan D. Huber, Elms Equipment Rental  
P.O. Box 371  
Brawley, CA 92227

Location: 245 North 8th Street more particularly described as Lots 10 to 15 Inclusive,  
Block 80, Townsite of Brawley, City of Brawley, State of California, APN 047-344-001

Gordon Gaste, Planning Director gave an overview of the project.

Mr. Hutchinson opened the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

Kalina Rebollar, representative spoke in support of the project. She mentioned the see through fence will help prevent graffiti and theft.

Mr. Smith commented that the improvements on the property are much better than the way it looked before.

Commander Bret Hauser, Brawley Police Department, stated it was an advantage from a security point of view to leave the fencing unobstructed.

Mr. Hutchinson closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Motion: The Planning Commission makes findings consistent with the Planning Commission Staff Report and approves the variance (CUP14-01) allowing the installation of a chain link fence in lieu of a masonry wall subject to compliance with the conditions of approval. m/s/c Bumbera/Smith 6-0

REASONABLE ACCOMODATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Gaste gave an overview of the ordinance and the requirements of the State to place the wording into local municipal codes.

Mr. Goyal asked if it was only for new properties or also existing properties.

Mr. Gaste stated it applied to both and that if the request is valid, the applicant will not be required to obtain a variance.

Motion: The Planning Commission makes findings consistent with the Planning Commission Staff Report and recommends approval of the Brawley Municipal Code, Chapter 27-Zoning Ordinance, Article XII-Special Development Standards and Uses, adding Section 27.183 for the purpose of establishing procedures to assure fair housing protections for individuals with disabilities. m/s/c Segredo/Marquez 6-0

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Francisco Soto, Building Official, from the Community Development Services Department followed up on Mr. Goyal's question regarding annual backflow certification from a previous meeting. Mr. Goyal's question was related to the notification of business owners on the pricing for the inspection. Mr. Soto recommended that he work with the Chamber of Commerce in the negotiation of the inspection pricing.

Mr. Bumbera asked about the status of the Von's Fueling Station.

Mr. Soto stated that they had recently received building permits from the applicant and that they are in the plan check process.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission voted to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: The meeting of the Planning Commission adjourns at 6:05 p.m. m/s/c Reyes/Segredo 6-0