

**PLACENTIA PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

December 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Placentia Planning Commission on December 8, 2015 was called to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Placentia Council Chambers, 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Chair Schaefer.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lee, Schenck, Solomonson, Perez, Schaefer  
ABSENT: Tomazic (Excused)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Schenck

OTHERS PRESENT: Yolanda Summerhill, Assistant City Attorney  
Damien R. Arrula, Interim City Administrator  
Charles Rangel, Senior Planner  
Candice Martinez, Secretary

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDER:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Applicant: Laser Island dba ADB Family Entertainment**  
**Project Location: 1840 N. Placentia Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870**

**Use Permit (UP) 2015-06:**

To Permit the Operation of a Laser Tag Entertainment Use Located at 1840 N. Placentia Avenue in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. The Proposed Use is Not Expected to Create a Negative Impact on the Physical Environment and is Therefore Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline § 15061(b)(3) and City Environmental Guidelines.

**Recommended Actions:** It is recommended that the Planning Commission:

- a. Open the Public Hearing, concerning Use Permit 2015-06, Receive the staff report and consider all Public Testimony, and Close the Public Hearing; and
- b. Adopt Resolution PC-2015-21, A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Placentia, Approving Use Permit 2015-06 for Laser Island DBA Family Entertainment Located at 1840 N. Placentia Avenue and Making Findings in Support Thereof; and
- c. Find that the project is Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, the Guideline promulgated thereunder (14 CCR § 15303) and Placentia Environmental Guidelines.

**(Approved, 5-0)**

Senior Planner Rangel noted that this item was first introduced on November 10, 2015, and the Planning Commission had made a determination to permit this type of use in a C-1 Neighborhood /Commercial District by a conditional use permit (CUP). He noted that this item would approve Use Permit 2015-06 for Laser Island, and the Conditions of Approval (COA) listed in the resolution.

Mr. Rangel noted that this CUP has been reviewed by the Building and Planning Department, Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority with requirements including: installation of fire sprinklers and alarms, and to submit a landscape plan.

Chair Schaefer opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Commissioner Schenck inquired about the hours of operation.

Doug Hornecker, applicant noted the hours of operations: Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.; and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He noted there would be extended hours during the summer break.

Chair Schaefer inquired how many elementary schools were nearby, and if children are permitted to enter the facility without an adult.

Mr. Hornecker commented that there are three (3) schools near the proposed facility, and children would be permitted to come and in and play arcade games and must be at least 6 years old to participate in the laser tag game. He noted that there is a 'Game Marshall' to supervise each laser tag game.

Carl Cokely, resident, inquired about the overflow of children and if the facility would be serving alcohol.

Mr. Hornecker commented that they will not be serving alcohol, and their maximum occupancy has been set at 150 people.

Terry Parker, Retail Broker, provided a brief overview on the difficulty of leasing spaces in the shopping center, and noted that this business would be a good regional draw for the center.

Chair Schaefer closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

**Motion by Lee, seconded by Solomonson and carried a (5-0) vote to approve the recommended actions with the following item to be included in the Conditions of Approval: All outdoor activities will not be available after 10:00 p.m.**

**2. Applicant: City of Placentia  
Project Location: Citywide**

**Zone Code Amendment ZCA 2015-05:**

A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Placentia Recommending An Ordinance of the City of Placentia Adding Chapter 23.85 to Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Placentia Municipal Code Prohibiting Marijuana Cultivation within the City of Placentia.

The Proposed Ordinance would Prohibit All Marijuana Cultivation within the City Placentia.

The City of Placentia Planning Department has conducted an environmental review of the project and determined that it is exempt under 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (B) (3) as there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Recommended Actions:** It is recommended that the Planning Commission:

- a. Open the Public Hearing concerning Resolution PC-2015-20, Receive the Staff Report and consider all Public Testimony, and Close the Public Hearing; and
- b. Adopt Resolution PC-2015-20, A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Placentia Recommending that the City Council adopt amendments to the Placentia Municipal Code, Prohibiting the Cultivation of Marijuana within the City; and
- c. Find that the project is Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, the Guideline promulgated thereunder (14 CCR § 15303) and Placentia Environmental Guidelines; and
- d. Find that the proposed amendment is merely preserving the City's current prohibition of marijuana cultivation throughout the City. Adoption of the proposed amendment expressly prohibiting marijuana cultivation with the City is recommended for the express and specific purpose of preserving the City's authority to ban and/or adopt future regulations pertaining to marijuana cultivation as is required by California Health and Safety Code section 11372.777(c)(4), effective January 1, 2016.

**(Approved, 4-1, Commissioner Solomonson voted no)**

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill announced that the wrong title number was used throughout the proposed draft Resolution and noted the correct title number should be 'Title 23.'

Senior Planner Rangel noted that three (3) new bills were signed and approved by Governor Brown related to the regulation of medical marijuana. He noted that the cities have the authority to adopt and enforce local laws before March 1, 2016. He noted the proposed Ordinance will prohibit indoor and/or outdoor cultivation of marijuana in the City of Placentia.

Chair Schaefer opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Commissioner Lee inquired if surrounding cities were also in the process on prohibiting marijuana cultivation.

Assistant City Attorney Summerhill commented that there is a majority of Southern California cities are in the process on prohibiting marijuana cultivation.

Chair Schafer closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

**Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Perez and carried a (4-1, Commissioner Solomonson voted no) vote to approve the recommended actions with the change to the title listed in the Resolution from 'Title 8' to read "Title 23."**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Senior Planner Rangel commented that there is nothing to report at this time.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Senior Planner Rangel commented that there is nothing to report at this time.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schaefer adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:48 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.

**Submitted by,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Rangel", is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature is a small blue mark that looks like the letters "for".

Charles L. Rangel,  
Senior Planner