

Hearing Officer Transmittal Checklist

Hearing Date
12/16/2014
Agenda Item No.
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Project Number: R2009-00871-(2)
Case(s): Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200900063
Planner: Adrine Arakelian

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Reviewed By: 



Department of Regional Planning
 320 West Temple Street
 Los Angeles, California 90012

PROJECT NUMBER
 R2009-00871

HEARING DATE
 December 16, 2014

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS
 Conditional Use Permit No. 200900063

PROJECT SUMMARY

OWNER / APPLICANT

Gloria Garcia

MAP/EXHIBIT DATE

12/2/2013

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project seeks to authorize the use of an auto body and auto painting business in the C-M (Commercial Manufacturing) zone in the West Athens-Westmont area. The use is an existing, unpermitted business which is seeking legal establishment. The site contains an existing 1,200 square foot building used as an office and frame shop, an existing 552 square foot building within which a 294 square foot paint booth is located, and an existing metal canopy structure, 1,455 square feet in area. The surrounding land uses include industrial, commercial, and residential uses. The residential use abuts the property to the north. The property is located in the West Athens-Westmont CSD.

LOCATION

1517 W. El Segundo Blvd., West Athens-Westmont

ACCESS

W. El Segundo Blvd.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)

6090-003-016

SITE AREA

6550 sf

GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN

West Athens-Westmont Community Plan

ZONED DISTRICT

Gardena Valley

LAND USE DESIGNATION

C.4 (Commercial Manufacturing)

ZONE

C-M (Commercial Manufacturing)

PROPOSED UNITS

N/A

MAX DENSITY/UNITS

N/A

COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT

West Athens-Westmont

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)

Class 1 Categorical Exemption – Existing Facilities

KEY ISSUES

- Satisfaction of the following Section(s) of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
 - 22.56.040 (Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof Requirements)
 - 22.44.120 (West Athens-Westmont CSD requirements)
 - 22.28.270 (C-M Zone Development Standards)

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Property Location Map

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ENTITLEMENTS REQUESTED

- Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to authorize an existing auto body and paint repair shop in the C-M (Commercial Manufacturing) Zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.28.260.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project seeks to authorize the use of an auto body and auto painting business in the C-M zone in the West Athens-Westmont area. The use is an existing, currently unpermitted business which is seeking legal establishment. The site contains an existing 1,200 square foot building to be used as an office and frame shop and an existing 552 square foot building within which a 294 square foot enclosed paint booth has been constructed. Five parking spaces will be located under an existing metal canopy structure, 1,455 square foot in area, with a sixth parking space located at the rear of the property. The property is located in the West Athens-Westmont CSD.

EXISTING ZONING

The subject property is zoned C-M.

Surrounding properties are zoned as follows:

- North: R-1 (Single-Family Residence)
South: City of Gardena, M-1 (Light Manufacturing)
East: C-M (Commercial Manufacturing)
West: C-M (Commercial Manufacturing)

EXISTING LAND USES

The subject property is developed with two buildings and a metal canopy structure, an access drive with parking located along the rear of the access drive. The property has been used as an auto body and paint business, operating presently without permit authorization.

Surrounding properties are developed as follows:

- North: Single family residences
South: Light industrial uses in the City of Gardena
East: Commercial and manufacturing uses consisting of auto services, multifamily residences
West: Commercial and manufacturing uses consisting of auto repair, auto body, auto parts and tire sales

PREVIOUS CASES/ZONING HISTORY

This property was zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing), but the zoning was changed in 1990 as part of the West Athens-Westmont Community Plan to the current C-M zone. The buildings on site were constructed in 1954. No other previous permits were issued for this property.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemption:

Los Angeles County ("County") Staff recommends that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County environmental guidelines. This project is to authorize an existing land use in an existing structure within an urbanized area. Therefore, staff recommends that the Hearing Officer determine that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

STAFF EVALUATION

General Plan/Community Plan Consistency

The project site is located within the Commercial Manufacturing (C.4) land use category of the West Athens-Westmont Community Plan. This designation is intended for commercial uses/services with manufacturing or assembly on site. The auto body and painting business is consistent with the land use designation and is therefore consistent with the permitted uses of the underlying land use category.

The following policies of the Community Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

- *Economic Goals: Retain and expand the number of small businesses.*
The project seeking authorization is a small, locally and family-owned business that would provide local employment.
- *Land Use Goals: To balance the area's social, cultural, and economic needs and environmental considerations in the allocation of its land resources.*
The site, located along El Segundo Blvd, is adjacent to other commercial and manufacturing land uses, as well as residential land uses to the rear of the property. The area has historically had a mixture of different land uses in proximity to each other, addressing both social and economic needs in an already urbanized area.
- *Residential Neighborhood Goals: Ensure a sensitive transition between commercial and industrial uses and residential uses by means of techniques such as buffering, landscaping, and setbacks.*

While the buildings and site layout has been in existence since 1954 and in present ownership since 2001, improvements will be made to the site to buffer the adjacent residences from the activity of the auto body and painting business, including inserting a landscaped buffer to the rear of the property where the residences are located. The project locates the use and noise intensive repair activities in an enclosed building closer to El Segundo Boulevard, which is a heavily used and largely commercial/industrial corridor in this area. The rear of the property will be used for parking with the addition of a landscaped buffer along the rear property line.

Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards Compliance

Pursuant to Section 22.28.270 of the County Code, establishments in the C-M Zone are subject to the following development standards:

- The zoning requires a minimum of 10% landscaping and a maximum of 90% building lot coverage. The existing site layout is in conformance with the maximum lot coverage limit, however due to its existing buildings constructed in 1954, the property does not conform to the landscaping standard. It will partially satisfy the 10% landscaping requirement with the addition of a landscaped buffer at the rear of the property.

Pursuant to Section 22.44.120 of the County Code, establishments in the West Athens-Westmont Community Standards District (CSD) are subject to additional development standards. The CSD's height limit of 40 feet is applicable to this project.

- The site's building and structures are in conformance with the 40-foot height limit established for the area.

Site Visit

A site visit was conducted on September 18, 2014. Improvements were being made to the property to conform to the standards for the use. However, a few inoperable vehicles remained on-site. The applicant stated that they are in the process of removing the remaining inoperable vehicles and moving all repair operations into the main structure, so that no repair work is conducted outside of an enclosed building.

Burden of Proof

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Section 22.56.040 of the County Code. The Burden of Proof with applicant's responses is attached. Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof.

Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility

Legalization of the existing use would be compatible with the land uses located on El Segundo Blvd in its immediate context. Several repair shops are located in its vicinity, including the adjacent lawnmower repair shop. The use does not propose any additional square footage to the buildings. Legalization and operation of the repair business with conditions and oversight of operations would render it compatible with the residential zoning to the north. The C-M zoning is intended for commercial/industrial uses of this nature. As such, the proposed project is compatible with the zoning and the existing building is compatible with the character and scale of the community.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Public Health recommends approval with the note that the business must operate in compliance with the County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 12.08 of Title 12.

The Department of Public Works recommends approval with the conditions for improvement to the access and on site drainage to comply with ADA and water quality requirements.

The Fire Department recommends approval with the requirement that the project be subject to Chapter 15 of Title 32, of the Fire Code during architectural plan review for future improvements to the structures.

LEGAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, property posting, library posting and DRP website posting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff received one letter of correspondence stating concerns about the Project, in regards to noise, hours of operation, and parking of vehicles on public streets. Conditions have been added to address these concerns, such as requiring all auto repair activity to be enclosed, limiting hours of operation to 8:30 to 5:30 Monday through Saturday, ensuring that parking be provided on site for employees and patrons, and requiring the removal of all inoperable vehicles to create more space for keeping cars on site.

FEES/DEPOSITS

If approved, fees identified in the attached project conditions will apply unless modified by the Hearing Officer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing.

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of Project Number R2009-00871, Conditional Use Permit Number 200900063 subject to the attached conditions.

SUGGESTED APPROVAL MOTION:

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES, AND APPROVE CONDITION USE PERMIT NUMBER 200900063 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

PROJECT NO. R2009-00871-(2)
CUP NO. 200900063

STAFF ANALYSIS
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Prepared by Adrine Arakelian, RPA II, Zoning Permits West Section
Reviewed by Mi Kim, Supervising Regional Planner, Zoning Permits West Section

Attachments:

Draft Findings, Draft Conditions of Approval
Applicant's Burden of Proof statement
Site Photographs, Land Use Map
Site Plan

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10/27/14

**DRAFT FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER
AND ORDER
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2009-00871-(2)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200900063**

1. The Los Angeles County ("County") Hearing Officer conducted a duly-noticed public hearing in the matter of Conditional Use Permit No. 200900063 ("CUP") on December 16, 2014.
2. The permittee, Gloria Garcia ("permittee"), requests the CUP to authorize the operation of an auto body and paint repair establishment within existing structures on site ("Project") on a property located at 1517 W. El Segundo Boulevard in the unincorporated community of West Athens-Westmont ("Project Site") in the C-M (Commercial Manufacturing) zone pursuant to Los Angeles County Code ("County Code") section 22.28.260.
3. The Project Site is 0.15 gross acres in size and consists of one legal lot. The Project Site is rectangular in shape with relatively flat topography and is developed with a 1,200 square foot building to be used as an office and frame shop, a 552 square foot building with a 294 square foot enclosed paint booth, and an existing 1,455 square foot metal canopy structure for parking.
4. The Project Site is located in the Gardena Valley Zoned District and is currently zoned C-M (Commercial Manufacturing).
5. The Project Site is located within the Commercial Manufacturing (C.4) land use category of the West Athens-Westmont Community Plan.
6. Surrounding Zoning within a 500-foot radius includes:
 - North: R-1(Single-Family Residence)
 - South: City of Gardena, M-1(Light Manufacturing)
 - East: C-M (Commercial Manufacturing)
 - West: C-M (Commercial Manufacturing)
7. Surrounding land uses within a 500-foot radius include:
 - North: Single family residences
 - South: Light industrial uses in the City of Gardena
 - East: Commercial and manufacturing uses consisting of auto services, multifamily residences
 - West: Commercial and manufacturing uses consisting of auto body, auto parts and tire sales
8. The Project site was rezoned in 1990 from M-1 to C-M as part of the West Athens-Westmont Community Plan. The buildings on site were constructed in 1954. No other previous permits were issued for this property.

9. The site plan for the Project depicts the Project site with two existing one-story buildings and a metal canopy structure. The office and frame repair work will take place in the 1,200 square foot building measuring 48 feet by 25 feet. A 552 square foot building, measuring 24 feet by 21 feet, will be used for materials storage and within which will be located a 294 square foot enclosed paint booth. Five parking spaces will be located under an existing 1,455 square foot metal canopy structure, measuring 58 feet by 24 feet. A narrow landscape buffer will be located at the rear of the property. Ingress and egress to the Project site is provided by an existing driveway to be expanded to 21 feet in width.
10. The Project Site is accessible via El Segundo Boulevard to the south. The main and only access to the Project Site will be via an entrance/exit on El Segundo Boulevard.
11. The Project will provide a total of 6 parking spaces, one of which will be handicap accessible. Five of the spaces are located under the metal canopy at the rear of the site. One space is located at the end of the driveway.
12. The County Department of Public Works ("Public Works") recommends approval of this Project and has recommended conditions of approval, which are included in the Project's conditions. The County Fire Department ("Fire Department") recommends approval of this Project. The Project will provide adequate fire access, water flow, and will submit tenant improvements to the Fire Department for review and approval. The County Department of Public Health ("Public Health") recommends approval of the Project with recommended conditions pertaining to maintaining public water and sewer connections and adherence to County Noise Control measures.
13. Prior to the Hearing Officer's public hearing on the Project, Regional Planning staff determined that the Project qualifies for a Class 1, Existing Facilities, categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the County, because the Project involves the authorization of an existing auto body and paint repair business within existing structures on a developed site with no expansion of operation or additional square footage.
14. Pursuant to the provisions of sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the Zoning Code, the community was appropriately notified of the Project's public hearings by mail, newspaper, and property posting.
15. Prior to the public hearing, the Department of Regional Planning staff received one letter stating concerns about the Project, in regards to hours of operation, noise, and parking of vehicles on public streets. Conditions have been added to address these concerns, such as requiring all auto repair activity to be enclosed, limiting hours of operation to 8:30 to 5:30 Monday through Saturday, ensuring that parking is provided on site for employees and patrons, and requiring the removal of all inoperable vehicles which creates more space for keeping vehicles on site.

16. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is consistent with the Community Plan designation, Commercial Manufacturing (C.4), land use category of the West Athens-Westmont Community Plan. This designation is intended for the industrial nature of the businesses along El Segundo Boulevard.
17. The Hearing Officer finds that the project is consistent with the zoning designation for the site. The C-M zone is intended for uses of a mixed nature that include heavier commercial and manufacturing type uses. An auto body and paint repair establishment fits the category of use.
18. The Hearing Officer finds that the applicant has met the burden of proof.
19. The Hearing Officer finds that the Project is compatible with the surrounding land uses and the built form of the area. The use is a commercial-manufacturing use located on a major thoroughfare adjacent to other similar type uses. It is compatible with the adjacent residential uses as landscaping has been added as a buffer to the rear of the site. All repair operations will take place within an enclosed building located nearer to El Segundo Boulevard. The surrounding area largely consists of one-story structures, therefore the existing one-story building is also compatible with the built form of the surrounding area and no new development is proposed.
20. The Hearing Officer finds that to ensure continued compatibility between the Project and the surrounding land uses, it is necessary to limit the Conditional Use Permit to 20 years.
21. The Hearing Officer finds that pursuant to sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was properly notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, and property posting. Additionally, the Project was noticed and case materials were available on Regional Planning's website and at libraries located in the vicinity of West Athens-Westmont community. On November 6, 2014, a total of 82 Notices of Public Hearing were mailed to all property owners as identified on the County Assessor's record within a 500-foot radius from the Project Site, as well as 4 notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for the Gardena Valley Zoned District and to any additional interested parties.
22. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Hearing Officer's decision is based in this matter is at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits West Section, Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE HEARING OFFICER CONCLUDES THAT:

- A. The proposed use with the attached conditions will be consistent with the adopted West Athens-Westmont Community Plan.
- B. The proposed use at the site will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

THEREFORE, THE HEARING OFFICER:

- 1. Finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption); and
- 2. Approves Conditional Use Permit 200900063, subject to the attached conditions.

ACTION DATE: December 16, 2014

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October 30, 2014

c: Hearing Officer, Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

**DRAFT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO.R2009-00871-(2)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200900063**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is to authorize the use of an existing auto body and auto painting business with an existing 1,200 square foot building to be used as an office and frame shop, an existing 552 square foot building with a 294 square foot enclosed paint booth, and an existing 1,455 square foot metal canopy structure subject to the following conditions of approval:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, owner of the property, and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all of the conditions of this grant, and that the conditions of the grant have been recorded as required by Condition No. 7, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition No. 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 2 and Condition Nos. 4, 5, and 9 shall be effective immediately upon the date of final approval of this grant by the County.
3. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.
4. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009 or any other applicable limitations period. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate reasonably in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
5. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense,

including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of \$5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

6. If any material provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
8. **This grant shall terminate on December 16, 2034.** Entitlement to use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect. If the permittee intends to continue operations after such date, whether or not the permittee proposes any modifications to the use at that time, the permittee shall file a new Conditional Use Permit application with Regional Planning, or shall otherwise comply with the applicable requirements at that time. Such application shall be filed at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of this grant and shall be accompanied by the required fee. In the event that the permittee seeks to discontinue or otherwise change the use, notice is hereby given that the use of such property may require additional or different permits and would be subject to the then-applicable regulations.
9. This grant shall expire unless used within ninety (90) days from the date of final approval of the grant. A single thirty (30) day time extension may be requested in writing and with the payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date. For the purposes of this provision, continued operation of the auto body and paint repair business and satisfaction of Condition No. 2 shall be considered use of this grant.
10. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the

permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The permittee shall deposit with the County the sum of **\$2400.00**. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund, which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. The fund provides for **12 inspections, 1 inspection per year for the first 4 years, thereafter 1 biennial (one every other year)** inspection. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be \$200.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost at the time any additional inspections are required, whichever is greater.

11. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or Hearing Officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code.
12. All development pursuant to this grant must be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code to the satisfaction of said department.
13. All development pursuant to this grant shall conform with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works to the satisfaction of said department.
14. All development pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of Title 22 of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property, unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A," or a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director of Regional Planning ("Director").
15. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion. The permittee shall maintain free of litter all areas of the premises over which the permittee has control.
16. All structures, walls and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti or other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by

Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the business being operated on the premises or that do not provide pertinent information about said premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of notification of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

17. The subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial conformance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." If changes to any of the plans marked Exhibit "A" are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, **three (3) copies** of a modified Exhibit "A" shall be submitted to Regional Planning by February 16, 2015.
18. In the event that subsequent revisions to the approved Exhibit "A" are submitted, the permittee shall submit **three (3) copies** of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must substantially conform to the originally approved Exhibit "A". All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner(s) and applicable fee for such revision.

PROJECT SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

19. This grant shall authorize the use of an existing auto body and painting business with an existing 1,200 square foot building to be used as an office and frame shop, an existing 552 square foot building with a 294 square foot enclosed paint booth, and an existing 1,455 square foot metal canopy structure for parking, customer pick-up/drop-off of vehicles, and incidental washing of vehicles.
20. The permittee shall provide parking as required by the County Code, calculated at a parking ratio of 1/250 square feet. The auto body repair has a square footage of 1200 square feet which would require not less than five spaces be provided based on the applicable ratio. If the permittee changes the operation of auto body and paint repair operation so as to require less parking than the minimum requirement, the permittee may submit an application for a Revised Exhibit "A" within 90 days of such occurrence.

If the auto body repair substantially changes its mode or character of operation or if the permittee changes the use or occupancy or otherwise modifies the subject property so as to require parking beyond the minimum requirement, the permittee shall submit an application for a minor parking deviation, parking permit, variance, or other applicable permit, as determined by the Director, within 90 days of such occurrence.

21. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion and free of litter on all areas of the premises under which the permittee has control.
22. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and shall be closed on Sunday.
23. All repair activities shall be conducted in an enclosed building. All auto painting shall be conducted within the enclosed auto painting booth.
24. The permittee shall maintain the landscape buffer at the rear of the property in a neat, clean, and healthy condition, and shall properly prune, weed, remove litter, and replace plants when necessary.
25. Within 60 days of the approval of this Project, February 16, 2015, all inoperable vehicles shall be removed from the site. Any inoperable vehicles arriving on site thereafter shall be removed within 7 days of arrival on site.
26. The permittee shall comply with all the conditions set forth in the attached County Public Health Department letter dated June 12, 2014 to the satisfaction of the said department.
27. The permittee shall comply with all conditions set forth in the attached County Public Works Department letter dated May 27, 2014 to the satisfaction of the said department.
28. The permittee shall comply with all the conditions set forth in the attached County Fire Department letter dated November 13, 2014 to the satisfaction of the said department.

Attachments:

Fire Department Letter dated November 13, 2014

Public Works Department Letter dated May 27, 2014

Public Health Department Letter dated June 12, 2014



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GAIL FARBER, Director

May 27, 2014

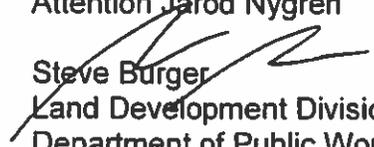
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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE **LD-2**

TO: Mi Kim
Zoning Permits West Section
Department of Regional Planning

Attention Jarod Nygren

FROM: 
Steve Burger
Land Development Division
Department of Public Works

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) NO. 200900063
PROJECT NO. R2009-00871(2)
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UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA OF ATHENS

We reviewed the revised site plan for CUP No. 200900063 in the unincorporated County area of Athens, located at 1517 El Segundo Boulevard. The proposed project seeks to legalize the operation of an auto body and paint shop in a commercial manufacturing zone. There are two existing buildings (1,200 square foot and 552 square foot) with a proposed 294-square-foot, enclosed paint booth within the existing 552-square-foot building and 1,008-square-foot, metal canopy structure. The applicant never obtained the appropriate approval from Regional Planning for the operation. Regional Planning has advised Public Works to treat this as a new project.

- Public Works recommends approval of this site plan.
- Public Works does **NOT** recommend approval of this site plan.

Upon approval of the site plan, we recommend the following conditions:

Road

1. Permission is granted to waive the additional one foot of right of way on El Segundo Boulevard, along the property frontage, due to title limitations (the existing building is built up to the existing right-of-way line located at 49 feet from the centerline of El Segundo Boulevard).

2. Reconstruct the displaced sidewalk fronting the property located approximately 16 feet from the westerly edge of the body shop building to the satisfaction of Public Works.
3. Reconstruct the existing driveway approach at the site to extend it in the easterly direction to align with the western edge of the 1,200-square-foot building to achieve an on-site drive aisle width of minimum 20 foot. The driveway reconstruction must meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and be to the satisfaction of Public Works. Driveways may need to be depressed. Relocate any affected utilities/catch basins. Adjust on-site grades accordingly.
4. All gates shall open inward or slide.
5. Construct drainage devices at the site (parkway drains/curb drains) to the satisfaction of Public Works. Execute a maintenance covenant for the ongoing maintenance of said drains to the satisfaction of Public Works.
6. Provide a construction letter from the property owner of the property located immediately west (APN 6090-003-017) to enter and reconstruct the existing shared driveway apron to the satisfaction of Public Works. The existing driveway apron will need to be reconstructed to extend it in the easterly direction to align with the western edge of the 1,200-square-foot building. On-site and off-site (into the neighboring property to the west) grading adjustments may be necessary.
7. Repair any improvements damaged during construction to the satisfaction of Public Works.
8. Submit street improvement plans and acquire street plan approval or direct check status before obtaining a grading permit.
9. Execute an Agreement to Improve for the street improvement prior to issuance of a building permit.

For questions regarding the road conditions, please contact Juan Sarda, jsarda@dpw.lacounty.gov, or Matthew Dubiel, mdubiel@dpw.lacounty.gov, of Public Works' Land Development Division at (626) 458-4921.

Grading

1. Submit a drainage and grading plan for review and approval. The plans must show and call out the construction of at least all drainage devices and details, paved driveways, elevation and drainage of all pads, and all water quality devices, if applicable. The applicant is required to show and call out all existing easements on the grading plan and obtain the easement holder(s) approvals.
2. Obtain and submit drainage acceptance letters from the impacted off-site owners if determined to be necessary at the detailed plan review stage. The project is proposing to capture the flow within the lot through a driveway trench drain, treat it, and then outlet it through a curb drain/parkway on the west side of the shared driveway (fronting the neighboring property to the west).
3. A maintenance agreement may be required prior to grading plan approval for privately maintained drainage devices including any on-site water quality devices.
4. Obtain Public Works' Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division, Soils and Geology, approval (if applicable) of the grading plan.

For questions regarding the grading conditions, please contact Mr. Sarda, or Mr. Dubiel, at (626) 458-4921.

Drainage

1. Prior to issuance of a building permit, a drainage and grading plan must be approved to provide for the proper distribution of drainage to comply with water quality requirements.

For questions regarding the drainage comment, please contact Toan Duong of Land Development Division at (626) 458-4921 or tduong@dpw.lacounty.gov.

If you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Sarda at (626) 458-4921 or jsarda@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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PROJECT: CUP R2009-00871

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT AS PRESENTLY SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Access as noted on the Site Plan is in compliance with Section 503 of the Title 32 (County of Los Angeles Fire Code), which requires an all-weather access surface to be clear to sky.
2. Per the fire flow test performed by Golden State Water Company dated 05-18-11, the existing water system meets current Fire Department requirements.
3. Submit architectural plans to the Fire Department Building Plan Check office in Hawthorne for review and approval of the new spray booth and carport. Contact (310) 263-2732 for submittal information.
4. All proposed gates, both vehicular and pedestrian gates, shall comply with the County of Los Angeles Fire Code and the Fire Department's Regulation 5. Compliance required prior to operation of the new spray booth.
5. The project is subject to compliance with Chapter 24 of Title 32, County of Los Angeles Fire Code, during the architectural plan review for future tenant improvement/building remodel or during the annual inspections by the jurisdictional fire station.

For any questions regarding the report, please contact Juan Padilla at (323) 890-4243 or Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov.



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June 12, 2014

TO: Adrine Arakelian
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FROM: Michelle Tsiebos, MPA, REHS *MT*
Environmental Health Division
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: CUP CONSULTATION
PROJECT NO. R2009-00871/ RCUP 200900063
Auto Body & Paint Shop
1517 W. El Segundo Blvd., West Athens-Westmont

- Public Health recommends approval of this CUP.
- Public Health does NOT recommend approval of this CUP.

The Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Division has reviewed the information provided for the project identified above. The CUP is for the operation of an existing auto body and paint shop in the C-M zone. The facility was established without Regional Planning approval.

The Department recommends approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. The project shall remain connected to public water and public sewer.
2. The project shall comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Noise Control Ordinance as found in Chapter 12.08 of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 12.

For any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (626) 430-5382 or mtsiebos@ph.lacounty.gov.

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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
Planning for the Challenges Ahead



CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.56.040, the applicant shall substantiate the following:

(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

- A. That the requested use at the location will not:
1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
 2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
 3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Applicant has engaged the services of Vickers Construction Company, who is a licensed contractor who will construct the necessary changes to the applicant's auto body/paint shop which is located on El Segundo Boulevard.

Answer to A:

1. Applicant has owned and operated a body shop (cont'd on next page)

B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

Answer to B:

The enclosed site plans and drawings were constructed by Vickers Construction Company and meets all of the requirements necessary to comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning's rules. El Rincon Auto Body & Paint Shop will be fully enclosed. A paint booth and other activities of the body shop will be properly covered.

- C. That the proposed site is adequately served:
1. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
 2. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

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ADDENDUM TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF**Cont'd. Answer to A:**

1. at this location for in excess of five years without problems or complaints. It has not adversely affected the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area.
2. It will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other businesses located nearby. There are no residents adjacent to this business on El Segundo Boulevard. There are residents to the north and behind the property. They are occupied by transients and renters.
3. This property as it exists and will be changed, does not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Answer to C:

1. El Segundo Boulevard is a major east-west thoroughfare with six travel lanes plus parking lanes. Traffic will not be adversely affected. Traffic into this body shop in relation to the traffic on El Segundo Boulevard is minimal.
2. No other public or private service facilities are required.



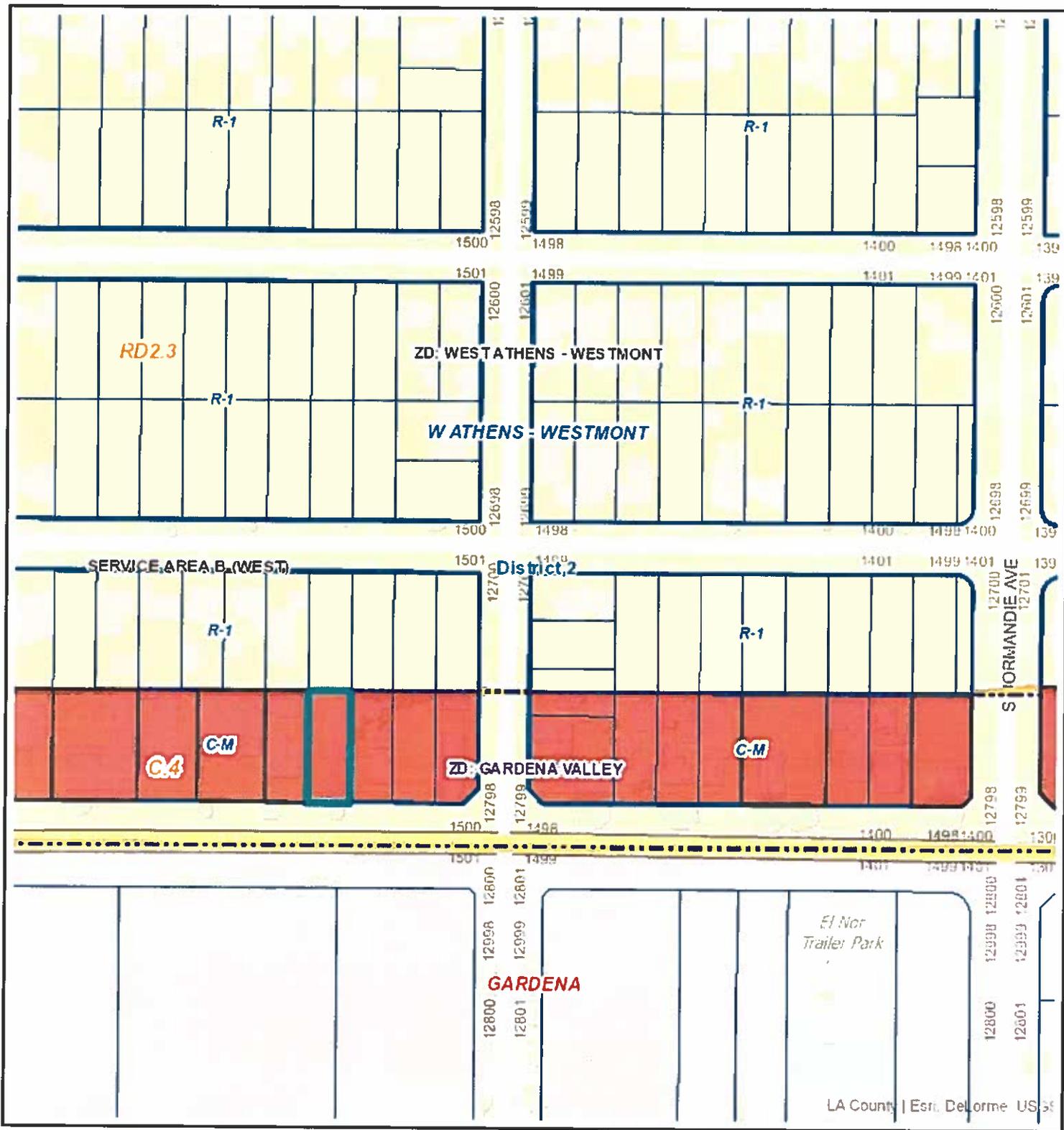
This image shows the access drive into the site, the repair area, paint booth, and parking spaces under the metal canopy at the rear of the site.



This image shows the access drive to the property from El Segundo Blvd and the frame repair building located at the front of the driveway.



The applicant repainted the signage on the building to conform with the designated limits on signage per County code.



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Zoning Land Use Map

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320 West Temple Street
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Attn; Mr. Adrine Arakelian

Re; Notice of Public Hearing

Good Morning Mr. Adrine Arakelian, I received your card this week about a public hearing on December 16, 2014 at 9:00am. I will be at work on that day but I do have some concerns;

1. The Auto Body shop located 1517 West El Segundo Blvd, Gardena, Ca. 90249
2. The hours in which the shop is open and close.
3. The noise
4. The cars that are parked on Halldale and 127th Street, (all day and nights plus Weekends).
5. By leaving there cars on the street overnight and weekends we as home owner Have seen other cars left on the street and of the body shop cars stealing or taking Apart and make our neighbor look bad.
6. it's not good for this neighborhood.

Any questions you can write or call me at the below address or phone;

Michael Weatherall
1508 West 127th Street
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11/20/2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Los Angeles County Hearing Officer will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below. You will have an opportunity to testify, or you can submit written comments to the planner below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing.

Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: 320 West Temple St., Hall of Records, Rm. 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project & Permit(s): Project No. R2009-00871, Conditional Use Permit No. 200900063

Project Location: 1517 W El Segundo Blvd, Gardena, CA 90249, within the Gardena Valley Zoned District

CEQA Categorical Exemption: Class 1 - Existing Facilities

Project Description: Project to authorize the use of an auto body and auto painting business in the C-M (Commercial Manufacturing) zone and is subject to a conditional use permit pursuant to section 22.28.260 of the Los Angeles County Code.

For more information regarding this application, contact Adrine Arakelian, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Telephone: (213) 974-6462, Fax: (213) 626-0434, E-mail: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov. Case materials are available online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case> or at AC Bilbrew Library, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90061. All correspondence received by DRP shall be considered a public record.

