



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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TO: Gina Natoli, Hearing Officer

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**SUBJECT: Additional Materials for Hearing
Project Number R2010-01390 – (1)
Parking Permit Case Number 201000009
HO Meeting: December 6, 2011
Agenda Item: 6**

Staff received an activity list for two weeks from the applicant and provided a copy to the Hearing Officer on November 30, 2011 subsequent to the hearing package submittal. Based on the information provided, staff made the following changes and corrections to the staff report, draft findings and conditions shown in bold for the above referenced project:

Staff Report

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General Plan Consistency

Promote the strengthening of existing commercial job-producing activities to create more jobs for residents of East Los Angeles.

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Site Visit

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Findings

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15. Staff visited the site on November 7, 2011 and found the property neat and clean. The landscaping is well maintained and the building has unique architectural features which enhances the street view on Beverly Blvd. and provides a unique appearance.

As per the applicant's agent an average of 25-30 bodies per month visit the mortuary. **The mortuary is open Monday through Sunday, seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The activities include visitation, vigil, liturgy, rosary and arrangements. Most customers use the catholic churches in the area for service.** Per the applicant, most service, prayer and visitations are between 5:00-9:00 p.m., and funeral arrangements are during business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The mortuary mostly serves cemeteries within five miles such as Rose Hills, Resurrection and Calvary. The facility also sells caskets, coffins and flowers and provides a display area. Body viewing and Rosary Services are held in the chapel.

Conditions

9. This grant shall expire unless used before March 20, 2012 ~~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 fees prior to such expiration date.

17g. The permittee shall employ a traffic control person(s) to coordinate traffic movements and in and out fo the mortuary parking lots during large services **and for tandem/valet parking.**

21. The applicant shall submit before January 7, 2012 three (3) sets of a sign plan. The plan shall include all dimensions and elevations. One freestanding sign is permitted which shall not exceed 10 percent of the building face area or 240 square-feet.

22. A fire clearance letter shall be provided to indicate that Condition Number 17 of Parking Permit No 99-039 has been satisfied **before January 7, 2012.**

23. The Permittee shall post two signs in the parking lot, one on each side, restricting parking to authorized vehicle(s) only and indicating that any unauthorized vehicle(s) will be towed.

MM: JN