

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

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DATE: March 10, 2008 (CC Meeting of 5/7/2008)

SUBJECT: Consider Report of Annual Development Agreement Review,
Established in Connection with Warehouse Discount Center at White
Sage Road and the SR-23 Freeway (NLA 118, LLC)

BACKGROUND

Government Code Section 65864 and City of Moorpark Municipal Code Section 15.40 provide for Development Agreements between the City and property owners in connection with proposed plans of development for specific properties. Development Agreements are designed to strengthen the planning process, to provide developers some certainty in the development process and to assure development in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

On October 19, 2005, the Moorpark City Council adopted Ordinance No. 322 (effective November 18, 2005), approving a Development Agreement between the City of Moorpark and NLA 118, LLP, in connection with development of the Warehouse Discount Center (Commercial Planned Development No. 2004-03). The agreement remains in full force and effect for twenty (20) years from the operative date of the agreement.

Provisions of the agreement require an annual review and report to the City Council on the status of completion of all aspects of the agreement. This is the second annual review of the Development Agreement with NLA 118. NLA 118 has submitted the necessary application form and fee/deposit for the 2007 annual review. The Community Development Director has reviewed the submitted information and the project status and provides the following report.

DISCUSSION

Current Project Status

With all construction completed on the site, occupancy of the Warehouse Discount Center building occurred on May 15, 2007. The second building on the site is half occupied by Ortho Mattress.

Developer Compliance with Terms of Agreement

The developer's responsibilities are included in Section 6 of the Development Agreement and include sixteen (16) specific requirements, as summarized below. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement will occur at various stages of the development process. Action by the developer and other clarifying information has been noted.

NO.	REQUIREMENT	STATUS
1.	Developer shall comply with this Agreement, Project Approvals, all Subsequent Approvals the MMRP of the previously certified EIR and any subsequent or supplemental environmental actions.	Developer is in compliance with all requirements at this time.
2.	All lands and interests in land shall be dedicated free and clear of liens and encumbrances.	An easement for a "City Welcome" sign is still required for this project. City staff is preparing easement language.
3.	Payment of "Development Fee" of Forty Thousand Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$40,028.00) per gross acre of commercial or institutional land.	This fee is adjusted annually (until paid) using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with the agreement. This fee was paid at the time of building permit issuance.
4.	Payment of "Citywide Traffic Fee" of Twenty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$22,838.00) per acre of commercial or institutional land.	This fee is adjusted annually (until paid) using the State Highway Bid Price Index in accordance with the agreement. This fee was paid at the time of building permit issuance.
5.	Payment of all outstanding processing costs.	This is an ongoing requirement. At this time the developer is current with all processing costs, including submittal of Annual Review Application and deposit for Development Agreement - Annual Review.
6.	Payment of a fee in lieu of park dedication "Park Fee" of (\$.50) per square foot of each building used for commercial or institutional purposes.	This fee is adjusted annually (until paid) using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with the agreement. This fee was paid at the time of building permit issuance.

NO.	REQUIREMENT	STATUS
7.	Provide installation and permanent maintenance of landscaping under the freeway bridge along the north and south sides of Los Angeles Avenue within the Caltrans right-of-way, including fencing improvements if approved by Caltrans.	A landscape plan was submitted and approved. A Three-Party Maintenance Agreement was executed on October 12, 2006 with the landscaping and irrigation installed and inspected April 10, 2007.
8.	Warrant total gross taxable sales in the first year of operation to be Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) in the second year, Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the third year and Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in the fourth through tenth years, commencing twelve months after initial occupancy. Should annual gross taxable sales not reach annual amount for any year in first ten years, Developer shall pay the City the difference in total gross taxable sales times 0.0075 for each year the total gross sales are not met. Credit for gross taxable sale which exceed the established amount shall be credited to offset a shortfall in any subsequent year.	The "first year" of operation starts twelve (12) month after the initial occupancy. Initial occupancy occurred on May 15, 2007. Accordingly, this condition begins taking effect on May 15, 2008, with the first annual gross taxable sales figures due on May 15, 2009.
9.	Pay Air Quality Fee in the amount of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000.00) in satisfaction of Transportation Demand Management Fund, or at the City's sole discretion, provide equipment, vehicles, improvements or other items for equivalent credit toward the fee.	This fee, Seventy One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$66,000.00 adjusted for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with the agreement), was paid on April 26, 2007.
10.	Provide easement for location and maintenance of a City Welcome Sign and pay Twenty Five Thousand Dollars \$25,000.00 for construction and erection of the sign.	This fee has been paid. The applicant is working with City staff on providing the easement. City staff is preparing easement language.
11.	Agreement to cast affirmative ballots for formation of one or more assessment districts for maintenance of parkway and median landscaping and street lighting, including but not limited to all water and electricity costs. Agreement to form property owner's association(s) to provide landscape, street lighting and park (if necessary) open space land, trails drainage facilities maintenance and compliance with NPDES requirements.	The developer signed a Development Agreement agreeing to this condition. Assessment district formation is currently underway. The developer is currently preparing exhibits and coordinating with Caltrans on requirements for property within the State right-of-way.
12.	Payment of all City capital improvement and processing fees.	Developer is in compliance with all requirements at this time. All fees were paid to Building and Safety at the time of the Building Permit Issuance.
13.	Payment of Los Angeles Avenue Area of Contribution (AOC) Fee.	Fees were paid prior to issuance of Building Permit.
14.	Agreement to pay any fees and payments pursuant to this Agreement without reservation.	Developer is in compliance with all requirements at this time.

NO.	REQUIREMENT	STATUS
15.	Agreement to comply with requirements for annual review of the Agreement including evaluation of Mitigation Monitoring Program.	To date, the applicant has complied with review requests and Mitigation Monitoring Program requirements and has submitted the application and deposit for annual review.
16.	Agreement that any property to be acquired by eminent domain shall be at City's discretion and after compliance with all legal requirements.	There has been no need to acquire property as part of this project.

All requirements of the Development Agreement will be considered in the City's review and approval process for all aspects of the development; including but not limited to, subsequent entitlement requests, public and private improvements, Final Maps, and building permits.

City Compliance with Terms of Agreement

The City's responsibilities are included in Section 7 of the agreement and include five (5) specific provisions, as summarized below.

#	REQUIREMENT	STATUS
1.	Agreement to commit reasonable time and resources on expedited and parallel processing of application for subsequent applications.	To date, City has complied with any such requests.
2.	If requested, at the developer's cost, proceed to acquire easements or fee title to land in order to allow construction of required public improvements.	To date, no such request has been received.
3.	Authorization for the City Manager to sign an early grading permit.	Grading was completed prior to the previous annual review.
4.	Agreement to process concurrently, whenever possible, all land use entitlements for the same property (so long as deemed complete).	To date, City has complied.
5.	Agreement to facilitate reimbursement to developer of any costs incurred that may be subject to partial reimbursement from other developers.	To date, no such request has been received.

Evaluation of Good Faith Compliance

Based on a review of the Development Agreement Annual Review Application and the status of the project, the Community Development Director has determined, on the basis of substantial evidence that NLA 118, LLC has, to date, complied in good faith with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the Community Development Director's Report and recommendation, on the basis of substantial evidence, that NLA 118, LLC has complied in good faith with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
2. Deem the annual review process complete.

Attachments:

1. Location Map