

Castle Rock Planning & Zoning Special Meeting Minutes

Amend CRT Zoning Ordinance

October 27, 2008 – 7:00pm meeting

Members Present: Norb Kuhn, Sandy Weber, Bob Dubbels, Paul Irthum, and Todd Sjostrand

CR Board members present – Mike Kiefer and Pete Schaeffer

Norb opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public meeting # 1 to discuss Purpose of Special Meeting: To discuss the amending of CRT Zoning Ordinance by adding, “law enforcement and military training facility on former U.S. Government NIKE base property,” as an Interim Use Permit in the Ag Agriculture zoning district.

Norb K. “What do we want from Dave Sodergren?” Norb and Planning Commission feels we should ask for a page of questions regarding Dave’s background, current job, business partners, background checks on his employees, and proof of U.S. citizenship. Does he have the proper licenses and certifications needed to open a law enforcement or military training facility? Will he have any automatic weapons on site and will there be a weapons vault or vaults? Who will be trained?

Todd S. – Ask Dave if he is willing to go through a background check.

Norb K. – The site was a Military with weapons, we may be going back to a training of military with guns. What kind of clients will Dave Sodergren be training on this site?

Mike Kiefer – “Anyone can walk in with a fake ID and get military training.”

Norb K. – “Who is responsible for the type of client coming into Castle Rock to train?”

Mike Kiefer – “Do we want to take out the wording, military training facility?”

Mike Kiefer - “Could Image Cowboys sublease the site? Can he do this and what will our Interim Use Permit actually permit?”

Todd S. – Image Cowboys wants to put in more beds than Castle Rock allows. Castle Rock ordinance says 5 (five) beds.

Bob D. – We cannot go above 5 (five) beds as it will create more problems.

Motions to close the meeting was made by Paul Irthum, 2nd to close the meeting by Todd Sjostrand, Norb called the question – all in favor aye, motion carried unanimously.

Hearing # 1 – Norb – We will rephrase from Military and Law to read, “professional personnel weapons/training emergency response and tactical training facility.”

Todd S. made a motion that we approve the IUP wording, “professional personnel weapons/training emergency response and tactical training facility.”; to be added or to be denied to the AG district, subject to review. Paul Irthum 2nd this motion. Norb called the question – all in favor aye – motion carried unanimously.

Paul Irthum made a motion to close this hearing, and Sandy Weber 2nd the motion. Norb called the question – all in favor

aye – motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Meeting # 2 opened at 7:30pm

Norb Kuhn opened the meeting.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider and Interim Use Permit to David Sodergren, Image Cowboys, Inc., 899 Front Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103, to operate a law enforcement training facility at the former NIKE base located at 1462 260th Street East. The property consists of a 26.61 acre parcel located in part of the NE Quarter of the NE Quarter of section 27 and part of the NW Quarter of the NE Quarter of Section 27, Township 113, Range 19 (PIN: 07-02700-010-03); and a 7.1 acre parcel located in part of the SE Quarter of the NE of Section 27, Township 113, Range 19 (PIN: 07-02700-010-02).

Norb gave a list of questions to Dave Sodergren that the Planning Commission wants answered before we go any further with Image Cowboys. Does our permit cover the clients of Image Cowboys; **the township needs to research our ordinances**. Verbally Dave Sodergren answered our questions and will give to the planning commission all the answers in writing. Norb may ask for an extension of the date before we are able to decide on this issue and we may go into year 2009. Dave Sodergren agreed to the extension.

Norb asked if Dave would ask for background checks – Dave says no because he will assume that has been done by the agency renting the facility.

Mike Kiefer – “What if it is a private company that wants to rent for a couple of days?”

Dave Sodergren said then he would ask for background checks.

Bob Dubbels asked for a motions to close the meeting, Paul Irthum 2nd the motion, Norb called the question – all in favor aye – motion unanimously carried.