Thursday, February 25, 2010

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 63

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an appeal by East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association of Planning Commission's decision to approve a Conditional Use Site Plan for a Hotel/Motel use located at 1609 E. Cesar Chavez (East Side Inn, SPC-2009-0303CS). (Suggested date and time: March 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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Mr. Marcos de Leon, representing the East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association, has appealed the Planning Commission's decision to approve a Conditional Use Site Plan known as East Side Inn, located at 1609 E. Cesar Chavez.

The East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan's Zoning Ordinance (Case Number C14-00-2102) states that a Hotel/Motel is a Conditional Use for this lot, which is zoned CS-MU-CO-NP. The applicant is proposing a 7-room hotel on the 6,518 sq ft lot.

The Planning Commission considered the case on January 12, 2010, but recommended a postponement to January 26, 2010 to give the applicant time to meet with the neighborhood and address their concerns. At the January 26th Planning Commission meeting, the Commission heard from both parties and then voted 9-0 to approve the Conditional Use Permit and the Hotel/Motel use.

On January 29th, Mr. de Leon appealed the Commission's action to the City Council. The appellant states that the Hotel/Motel use is not compatible with the community, as it will lead to a permanent Hotel/Motel zoning on this property and will allow a chain hotel to be permitted as well.