

**Excerpt from Draft Minutes
Planning & Zoning Commission
Meeting of January 7, 2016**

Public Hearing To Consider And Act On An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning And Establish A Special Use Permit For An Indoor Gun Range On An Approximately 1.7-Acre Tract Zoned For The (LI) Light Industrial District And Located At 2317 Midway Road; Amending The Official Zoning Map Accordingly. Case No. 01-16SUP3 Texas Legends Gun Range. Case Coordinator: Christopher Barton.

Barton presented the case noting the site was the old Toni & Guy building that had been empty for a number of years. He stated that the applicant was committed to substantially improving an existing asphalt parking lot, the exterior of the building would be freshened up and new landscaping would be installed adjacent to Midway Road. He noted adjacent uses and staff had not received any comments regarding the request.

Greg Taggart, Texas Legends Director of Education and Training as well as Development Manager, stated they were proposing to bring a State of the Art firing range and training facility to Carrollton. He emphasized that the site had 8 inch thick concrete walls which was perfect for a firing range. He stated they would be constructing containment rooms. The firing would take place inside the containment rooms which would have additional concrete block walls; steel bullet baffles at the top as well as bullet trap machinery and beyond that, additional concrete wall. He talked about the investment that would be made in the property and talked about the guests and customers who would go to the facility. He stated they would contain the noise; would comply with the law; be good neighbors and talked about the economic impact. With regard to firing area schematic, he stated the bullet trap would be constructed of an AR500 armor plate and all bullets fired inside the range area end up in the spent bullet lead handling machinery. He stated they would be able to offer dimmable lighting for private citizen and police officer training; would offer league shooting; would sponsor competitions and bring in internationally known trainers such as Tom Givens.

Chair McAninch asked if the applicant had read and understood the staff stipulations and Mr. Taggart replied affirmatively.

Kiser asked about the types of weapons and about distances. Mr. Taggart replied that primarily, it would be handguns but the facility would handle rifles up to 7.62 x 51 or 7.62 x 54 calibers. The longest range would be 25 yards and would allow people to sight in or adjust their equipment.

Sundaran asked about the move and shoot bay. Mr. Taggart stated that perhaps after the range had been closed for the day, there may be an opportunity under certain circumstances for people to go outside the booth under the control of a Range Officer and a Safety Officer to do the shoot and move. He stated it requires a great deal of coordination and takes a great deal of personnel but he felt it was a good part of practical training. Sundaran asked if there would be a store

inside. Mr. Taggart stated the main job would be running the range, but they would have a pro shop for the sale of fire arms; a gun smith and an armorer to repair and make modifications, plus they would offer accessories, targets, and clothing. He also mentioned the types of classes they would offer such as Texas right to carry, hunter education and Boy Scout merit badge classes.

Nesbit asked if other organizations conduct physical inspections of the armoring and Mr. Taggart stated not typically but they fully expect the Building officials to check the standards.

Kiser asked about the number of air changes required. Mr. Taggart stated the air is blown 2 ft per second and stated the air coming into the range would not be as clean as the air they eject after it runs through the required filtration system.

Chair McAninch asked with regard to TCEQ if they would be doing quarterly readings and Mr. Taggart stated they would do whatever they are asked to do but they were not required to. He stated that the Texas Health and Safety Code and TCEQ don't require an emissions test. He stated they would be conducting emissions tests to insure that the filters are working correctly because they would be held legally responsible for compliance.

Chair McAninch opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, she offered the applicant an opportunity for closing comments.

Amy Travis, CEO, 7609 Spring Valley, Dallas, stated they would exceed almost all of the requirements noting that it was in their best interest financially to do so noting she represents a group of investors. They would bring a wonderful group of people there and noted that some of their children would work there. She felt the City would be very happy with the facility and also noted that they would try to attract women customers because women represent the largest growing interest group which would require a pretty facility that would have acceptable landscaping and lighting that is not frightening. She emphasized the need to educate children and adults to be responsible with guns. In closing, Mr. Taggart strongly urged the Commission to approve the application.

There being no other speakers, Chair McAninch closed the public hearing.

Kiser asked about the outdoor lighting. Mr. Taggart stated they didn't have a lighting plan yet, but they intend to improve the lighting on the site. He stated they want the site to be friendly and safe, and would provide for appropriate security lighting while being aware of the glare ordinance. Ms. Travis stated they would have security cameras inside and outside.

- ***Kraus moved approval of Case No. 01-16SUP3 Texas Legends Gun Range with staff stipulations; second by Romo and the motion was approved with a unanimous 8-0 vote.***