

# Sangha Carriers – Barstow Truck Parking (NEC of W. Barstow and N. Contessa Avenues) **Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**

## March 19, 2024

**Present:** Dirk Poeschel (Representative/Principal Planner at Dirk Poeschel Land

Development Services, Inc.)

Maria Spera (Associate Planner at Dirk Poeschel Land Development Services, Inc.)

Ken Vang (Project Engineer)

Carol Ann Meme (Area Resident); Gurbir (Area Resident/Competitor); Ranbir Kaur (Area Resident/Competitor); Sharacey (Area Resident); Regina Bacchus (Area Resident); Iris (Area Resident); Harman Singh (Area Resident); Sharacey

(Area Resident); Manny Bhandal (Area Resident); Cathy Caples (Area Resident); Alex (Area Resident); Joemar (Area Resident); Elisa Billios (Area Resident); Elizabeth Fraire (Area Resident); Ravinder (Area Resident); A (Area Resident); Rajdeep (Area Resident); Sam B (Area Resident); Navdeep Kaur (Area Resident); Plus approximately 10 - 15 other individuals who did not

comment

#### **Meeting Commencement**

The neighborhood meeting was held through webcast via Zoom. Mr. Dirk Poeschel and Ms. Maria Spera commenced the meeting at 6:00pm sharp. Mr. Poeschel gave participants a few extra minutes to join the meeting. The meeting went underway at 6:05pm. Unfortunately, the meeting did not start recording until 20 minutes into the meeting.

Ms. Spera started by welcoming meeting participants and introducing herself and Mr. Poeschel as the project representatives. A brief PowerPoint presentation was shared with participants which conveyed the revisions made to the proposed project.

Mr. Poeschel and Ms. Spera explained that the project area had been modified from 18.87 +/acres with 347 truck parking stalls to 11.5 +/- acres with 200 +/- truck parking stalls. For more details, please see the attached PowerPoint presentation slides.

Mr. Poeschel spoke about the high noise profile associated within the immediate area of the project site, as well as the City of Fresno's Noise Ordinance and how the proposed project would adhere to the noise guidelines set forth in the ordinance.

Mr. Poeschel spoke about the existing and future traffic patterns of Island Waterpark Drive. Mr. Poeschel also explained that the revision to the project area would generate less trips than the original proposal. Mr. Poeschel also mentioned that aesthetic landscaping would be installed consistent with city standards and to serve as a buffer for both noise and light pollution.

Ms. Spera stated that she lives within the immediate area and she witnesses the large number of illegally parked commercial trucks and trailers in the West area. She stated that this is a positive for the neighborhood. She stated that there are locations where illegal truck parking operations are currently taking place and her and the client where aware of the locations, as well as city staff. She also stated that city officials are in support of the proposed project.

Mr. Poeschel also addressed that the proposed truck parking is incidental to the proposed truck repair shop and truck wash. Mr. Poeschel stated that the City has evaluated the conducted noise study and has found that the noise impact from the proposed project are insignificant.

At this point, Mr. Poeschel opened the meeting to the participants for any questions.

### Participant Questions and Answers (stated during meeting)

Comments and questions, as well as answers from the representatives can be viewed in full detail in the meeting recording.

To summarize some of the questions and concerns:

- Truck parking is not a compatible use within a residential area.
- Concerns about the additional traffic at Veterans and Shaw Ave.
- Concerns regarding noise projected by idling trucks, refrigerator trailers, and the freeway.
- Concerns about air and light pollution.
- Concerns regarding human trafficking conducted by commercial trucks.
- Concerns regarding traffic patterns.
- Concerns on residential enjoyment.
- Concerns with safety for school children and the elderly.
- Concerns regarding potential damage to greenery.
- Concerns with residential home values.
- Has an alternative site been evaluated for the project?
- Concerns regarding the current infrastructure not being able to sustain the proposed project.
- Also, there were truck parking competitors in attendance who used the opportunity to advertise their business.

## **Closing of Meeting**

Mr. Poeschel ended the meeting by thanking all who attended. He also stated that he is available at any time to answer questions.

Meeting ended at 7:00pm.