

- i. Staff Report
 - a. Director Santillan delivered the staff report.
- ii. Public Hearing
 - a. Commissioner Tillotson opened the public hearing.
 - b. Applicant Mr. Paredes explained the nature of Iglesia La Luz del Mundo, explaining that his congregation is concerned with the rise of violence, drug addiction, gangs, and the negative effects it had on the community.
 - c. The congregation meets in Fresno, but the drive is too far for some members, so they hope to have a location in Avenal.
- iii. Discussion/Action
 - a. Commissioner Tillotson asked how the congregation will battle drug addiction. The applicant explained that they are focused on spiritual health.
 - b. Commissioner Elliott motion to approve Conditional Use Permit 2019-03, Commissioner Larios second the motion. Motion passes, 4-0, one absent.

6. NEW BUSINESS: 6:32 p.m.

A. None

7. OLD BUSINESS: 6:39 p.m.

A. None

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS 6:40 p.m.

A. Economic /Community Development Activity Update

- i. Director Santillan reported on some of the projects the Community Development Department is currently working on.
 - a. The replacement restrooms for Rice Park are currently being completed, with the metal building already ordered. Preparation will still be needed before the new restrooms can be installed.
 - b. Going out to bid for grading work for the Community Center.
 - c. Work to replace the main water transmission line is still underway.
 - d. The Outdoor Fitness Court next to the Avenal Boxing Club is also in the pipeline, with an expected completion date of July 2019.
 - e. ReLeaf grant: Work is ongoing to plant 155 trees in Avenal before the end of the year. Many sick or dead trees at Rice Park have already been cut down.
 - f. Proposition 68 is offering 260 million dollars for parks. City Staff is exploring possible projects to apply to those funds for.

8. COMMENTS 6:49 p.m.

A. Commissioner Comments

- a. Commissioner Ramos took this time to introduce himself to the rest of the Planning Commission; Commissioner Ramos has been in the Avenal community for many years, graduating from Avenal High School in 1979, and currently working at Tamarack Elementary and is a notary. With six children and as a grandfather, Commissioner Ramos wants to help the community, help solve problems and change the way some things are done for the better.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fernando Santillan, Secretary