

# STAFF REPORT PLOT PLAN NO. 992 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 533

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Public Works & Development Services

- DATE: July 30, 2019 (Continued from the meeting of June 26, 2019)
- CASE NO: Plot Plan No. 992 and Conditional Use Permit No. 533

**APPLICATION REQUEST:** Approval of a Plot Plan and Conditional Use Permit to allow a self storage facility and the construction of two storage buildings measuring approximately 213,640 square feet of building area within a 5.39 acre (234,690 square feet) site in the City's M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a Plot Plan Review is required for any new building or structure in excess of 25,000 square feet in area and Pursuant to 19.31.650 of the Commerce Municipal Code, the establishment of any new mini-warehousing, self storage or public warehousing are subject to the conditional use permit process within the M-2 Zone.

PROPERTY LOCATION:	6210 Garfield Avenue
	Commerce, CA 90040
	(APN: 6357-001-050 and 6357-001-051)

APPLICANT: Brett Henry on behalf of Trojan Storage of Commerce 1732 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 217 Redondo Beach, Ca 90278

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Planning Commission approve Plot Plan No. 992 and Conditional Use Permit No. 533 with the Specific Findings, Conditions of Approval, and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:** Notice was published in the El Cerritos Community News on May 24, 2019 and mailed out to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property.

# ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Specific Findings for Plot Plan
- B) Conditions of Approval
- C) Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration
- D) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

# LAND USE, ZONING AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

Project Site – 6210 Garfield Avenue			
General Plan Designation:	Industrial		
Zoning:	M-2 (Heavy Industrial)		
Applicable Zoning	Commerce Municipal Code Chapter 19.11,		
Regulations:	Manufacturing Zones; CMC Chapter 19.19 and		
	19.31.650, Development Standards; CMC Chapter		
	19.21, Off-Street Parking; CMC Chapter 19.23,		
	Landscaping; CMC Chapter 19.39 Division 10, Site		
	Plan Review; CMC Section 19.39.680 Basis for		
	Approval.		

# SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES:

Direction	Zoning	Land Use	
North	M-2	So Pacific Railroad/Industrial	
South	M-1/R-3	Manufacturing/Residential	
East	R-1	Residential	
West	PF	Public Facility	

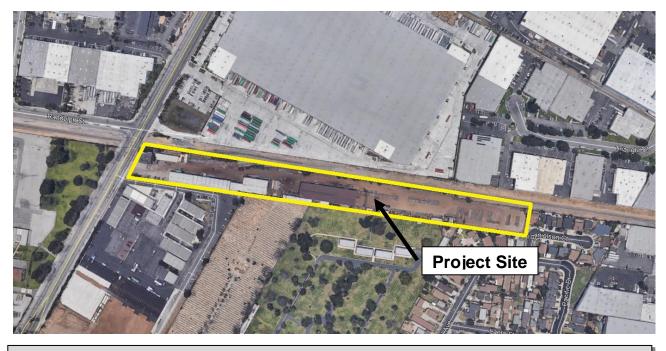
# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

An Initial Environmental Study was prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was made available for public review and comment from May 24, 2019 through June 26, 2019. The Study determined there could be impacts related to Cultural Resources and Hazards, but through the incorporation of mitigation measures, these impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels. Impacts to all other study areas were found to be less than significant. A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program have therefore been prepared for the project.

#### **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

The project site is currently occupied by Eddie Kane Steel Products, Inc. The site is occupied by four main buildings and ancillary structures totally 237,372 square feet. Approximately 40% of the site is undeveloped and it is generally flat in nature and is situated in the City's Heavy Industrial Zoning District (M-2), surrounded by industrial and other uses.

An image of the project site is shown below, outlined in red:



# BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The applicant is requesting approval of a conditional permit and plot plan to allow a self storage facility and the construction of two storage buildings measuring approximately 213,640 square feet of building area within a 5.39 acre (234,690 square feet) site in the City's M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code, approval by the Planning Commission is required for new buildings in excess of 25,000 square feet. Additionally, pursuant to 19.31.650 of the Commerce Municipal Code, the establishment of any new mini-warehousing, self-storage or public warehousing are subject to the conditional use permit process within the M-2 Zone.

Trojan Storage is a national owner, operator, and developer of self-storage facilities that has been in business since 2007. Trojan Storage has expanded considerably and operates over 2,000,000 rentable square feet in 24 facilities. Their facilities are currently

present in Arizona, California, Colorado and Minnesota and they employ over 60 individuals.

Currently, under the City's Municipal Code No. 19.31.650, the establishment of any new mini-warehousing, self-storage or public warehousing are subject to a conditional use permit in the M-2 Zone. In addition, to the requirements of the conditional use permit requirement, the CMC requires that "There shall only be two mini-warehouse, self storage facilities or public warehousing for every 13,000 residents of the City, as reported by the latest available U.S. Census", and currently the City has one full operational self storage facility. An existing facility recently closed, leaving an opportunity for Trojan Storage to open d new facility. The CUP will provide conditions of approval on the following areas but not limited to those areas:

- 1. Ordinance compliance
- 2. Building Design and materials
- 3. Circulations
- 4. Number of facilities
- 5. Site Design
- 6. Operation

The proposed use will operate seven days a week, 365 days per year from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The rental office will be open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on major holidays. On Sundays, the office will close at 4:00 p.m. There will be 4 employees including Supervisor, On-site Manager, Assistant Manager, and Maintenance team member, who run the day-to-day operation at the facility.

The on-site manager will live on the property in a 1,200 square foot apartment located above the rental office. This Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day tenant interactions, maintenance, and security at the facility.

# Site Access and Security

The facility tenants (customers renting the storage facility) will access the facility through a computerized entry gate. Each tenant is provided with a unique code that will unlock the gate, their storage unit, and disarms their individual storage door alarm. This process helps the management team provide a high degree of security for all tenants. The only way to enter a storage unit without entering a code would be to cut through a remove the door, which will trigger the alarm.

# Physical Improvements

The proposed project involves the construction of a self-storage facility within a 5.39-acre (234,788 square feet) site. The project elements are described below:

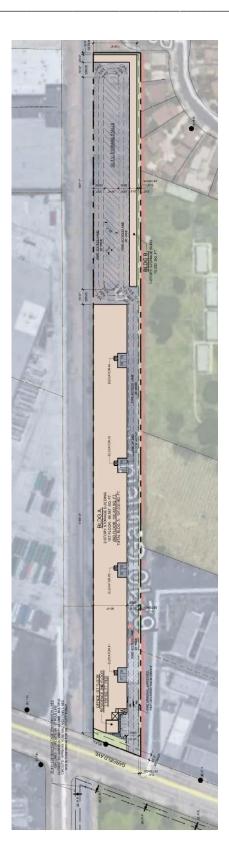
• Project Site. The project site has a maximum lot depth (west to east) of 2,493 feet and a maximum lot width (north to south) of 133 feet. The proposed development

will have a lot coverage of 48% and a floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.90 to 1.0. The project will consist of two buildings (referred to herein as Buildings A and B).

- Building A. The main building, Building A, will consist of two stories and will have a total floor area of 197,000 square feet. The first floor will total 96,567 square feet while the second floor will total 100,433 square feet of floor area. Building A will also include 1,155 square feet of office space on the first floor and a 1,155 square feet residence for an on-site manager on the second floor. This building will be located within the northwest portion of the project site.12 A total of 1,300 individual storage units are proposed.
- Building B. Building B will consist of a single story structure totaling 14,330 square feet. This building will be located in the eastern half of the project site.

The project's site plan is shown below:

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- Parking. A total of 18 parking spaces will be provided for the public and employee parking. The public parking stalls will be located in the western portion of the site next to the office and in the eastern portion of the site. In addition, a total of 33 parking spaces will be provided for R.V. storage in the eastern portion of the property.
- Access. Vehicular access to the project site will be permitted by a new driveway apron located along the east side of Garfield Avenue. The new driveway will be located in an area occupied by the existing driveway.
- Landscaping. The proposed project will include approximately 15,415 square feet of open space.

The proposed project is summarized in Table 2-1, which is shown below. The proposed site plan is provided in Attachment XX and the building elevations are provided in Attachment XX.

Project Summary Table		
Project Elements	Description	
Site Area	234,690	
Total Building Floor Area	213,640 square feet	
Lot Coverage	48%	
FAR	0.90 to 1.0	
Maximum Building Heights	36 ft.	
Landscaping	19,300 sq.ft. (8.2% of site)	
Parking	18 public spaces & 34 R.V. Spaces	

Table 2-1 Project Summary Table

# **Development Standards, Parking and Maneuvering**

The proposed public storage facility will comply with all of the City's basic development standards. As such, the footprint and envelope of the building will be within the limits afforded by the Zoning Ordinance. The public storage facility will provide the minimum setbacks, conform to height and will comply with both the lot coverage and floor area ratio requirements. The table below shows the minimum requirements pursuant to the CMC, as well as what the applicant is proposing.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD	REQUIRED	PROPOSED
Min. Lot Area	25,000 sf	234,690sf
Max. Building Height	None Required	36 ft
Minimum Front Yard	15 ft	15 ft
Minimum Side Yard	None Required	0 ft and 5 ft
Minimum Rear Yard	None Required/5 ft	5 ft
Max. Lot Coverage	60%	48%
Floor Area Ratio (Minimum)	1 to 1	.91%

As part of its review, staff has to determine that the use will conform to the permissible parking requirements identified in Chapter 19.21 of the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the parking and loading requirements are to ensure all land uses in the City provide adequate off-street parking facilities, loading areas, and vehicle movement areas associated with a use. The intent of these regulations is to ensure that the use of land does not interfere adversely with the circulation of public rights-of-way, that private on-site circulation does not pose a potential safety issue, and that surrounding uses are protected from the noise and traffic impacts associated with off-street parking and loading activities.

In this case, five parking spaces are required for customer and office space and one parking space for every 20,000 square feet of gross floor area of storage facility space. Also, one parking space is required for each facility manager. Below is a parking breakdown which details the square footage and parking requirements for the subject project:

USE	PROPOSED S.F.	REQUIRED	PROPOSED
Office (5 spaces req)	1,155	5	5
Warehouse (1/20,000 sf)	211,330	11	11
Manager Residence	1,155	1	2
TOTAL	213,640	17	18

As demonstrated above, the proposal includes 18 vehicle parking spaces on site where 17 are required, as well as 34 recreational vehicle parking stalls will be made available. The proposed number of parking stalls meet and exceed the City's requirements as provided in section 19.31.650.B.3 (Development standards and conditions for mini-warehouse or self-storage facilities) of the CMC.

In addition to complying with the City's parking requirements, all projects must provide adequate circulation and access for emergency vehicles, loading and unloading, and area to allow for vehicle queuing and maneuvering preventing vehicles from using the public streets. This project has met the requirement of Circulation, Access and Parking in accordance to Section 19.31.650.B.3 of the CMC.

#### **Design and Compatibility**

Chapter 19.31.650 of the CMC includes some general development standards and design guidelines for self-storage facilities. The purpose of these standards is to protect and improve the environment and the appearance of the community, and to deter blighting and nuisance conditions. In particular, these guidelines address items such as, but not limited to, design, landscaping, architectural treatments, and circulation.

The proposed concrete building will enhance the aesthetics of the area, provide a buffer from the railroad and is a good transition from the Light Manufacturing and Residential Zone to Heavy Industrial Zone. The project meets the City's site planning criteria and design guidelines set forth in the CMC. The proposed design of project includes the front elevation that will have glass elements to reflect the building's main entry. Additionally, landscape will be planted along this elevation to help accent the building's architectural style, while softening the massing of the project from the street. With the proposed design features and landscaping, it ensures the project will serve to improve the overall character of the site and surrounding area.

The majority of the landscaping for this project will be provided along the building's front elevation with additional landscaping provided at the rear of the property and along the side of the southern property line. The conceptual landscaping plan meets the City's requirements and will improve the overall character of the site. The landscaping plan is shown below:



# CONCLUSION:

Staff believes the necessary findings can be made to approve this Conditional Use Permit and the Plot Plan to allow the construction of a self storage facility within the M-2 zoning district. As mentioned, the site is surrounded by a mixture of uses and will be good buffer and transition between the industrial uses and residential uses. Also, as demonstrated in the building analysis, the project will meet the minimum building requirements as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. As analyzed, the proposal will not trigger any need for variances or will be inconsistent with the intent of the zoning code. As such, an Industrial Land Use in this area of the City is consistent with other permissible activities within the M-2 zone.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit 533 and Plot Plan No. 992 with the Specific Findings in Attachment A and, the Conditions of Approval in Attachment B, and adopt the Mandatory Finds of Significance set forth in section 15065 of CEQA guideline and in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in Attachments C and D.

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- Reviewed by: Noel Tapia City Attorney

#### ATTACHMENT A SPECIFIC FINDINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 533 AND PLOT PLAN NO. 988

The following findings can be made, regarding the mandatory findings of significance set forth in Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines, based on the results of the environmental assessment:

- 1. The approval and subsequent implementation of the proposed project will not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment. As indicated in Section 3.1 through 3.18, the proposed project will not result in any significant unmitigable environmental impacts.
- The approval and subsequent implementation of the proposed project will not have the potential to achieve short-term goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals. The proposed project will be a long-term permanent investment to accommodate alternative forms of transportation and reduce GHG emissions from mobile sources.
- 3. The approval and subsequent implementation of the proposed project will not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable, when considering planned or proposed development in the immediate vicinity. The proposed project is relatively small and the attendant environmental impacts will not lead to a cumulatively significant impact on any of the issues analyzed herein.
- 4. The approval and subsequent implementation of the proposed project will not have environmental effects that will adversely affect humans, either directly or indirectly. The proposed project will be a long-term permanent investment to accommodate alternative forms of transportation and reduce GHG emissions from mobile sources. The reduction of approximately 2.5 million VMT will have a positive impact by reducing air quality emissions.

In addition to the above findings pursuant to Commerce Municipal Code Section 19.39.680, approval or disapproval of any **Site Plan** application shall be based upon the following factors and principles:

1. **Compliance with all applicable provisions of this Title 19.** The newly proposed self storage facility will comply with all applicable requirements of the Commerce Municipal Code. The proposed use is one that is permitted within the M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zone with a Conditional Use Permit, the purpose of which is to provide land suitable for heavy industrial uses. The requirements of the zone are intended to provide safeguards and to establish adequate buffer distances between uses that pose potentially adverse public health, safety, and welfare impacts and land uses in

adjacent, more restrictive zone districts. As stated, the subject project will meet all applicable Code requirements and environmental analysis determined that any potential impact could be mitigated to a level of less than significant.

- 2. Suitability of the site for the particular use or development intended. The site is located in the M-2 Zone, which allows for the heaviest of industrial type of uses in the City. The site was previously developed with industrial uses and the surrounding neighborhood is characterized by similar uses. The intent of the heavy industrial zone is to concentrate heavy industrial activities in suitable areas in order to segregate these uses from sensitive residential uses; while at the same time ensuring the availability of needed public services. The proposed building does not violate any provisions of the Commerce Municipal Code, including lot coverage, floor area and setbacks requirements. The project site is large enough to accommodate all parking on site, as well as all access and maneuvering. The site is therefore suitable for the proposed development.
- 3. Physical layout of the total development, including the application of prescribed development standards. The project shall be so arranged to further the policies of the General Plan and zoning regulation including, but not limited to, avoiding traffic congestion, ensuring the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare, and preventing adverse effects on neighboring properties. The proposed project will further the policies in the Commerce General Plan. The site has an "Industrial" land use designation, which is intended to support the uses such as that being proposed. Adequate safeguards will be provided to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. The General Plan acknowledges that industry has been, and will continue to be, the preeminent land use in Commerce and will serve as a cornerstone in the City's continued vitality. The City continues to promote the maintenance and preservation of industrial activities and businesses that contribute to the Citv's economic and employment base, while also encouraging revitalization of the City's industrial districts to accommodate economic development and growth.
- 4. **Consistency with all elements of the General plan.** General Plans are required to not only be consistent with a City's zoning ordinance, but they must also be internally consistent. Therefore, individual elements must be consistent with one another. If a project is consistent with one element of a General Plan, it should therefore be consistent with the rest of the document. The subject project includes consistency with following policies in the Community Development Element of the General Plan:
  - Community Development Policy 1.1 The City of Commerce will continue to promote land use compatibility.
  - Community Development Policy 1.8. The City of Commerce, in conjunction with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and other

public agencies, will work to reduce potential hazards and health risks associated with the use, storage, or manufacture of hazardous materials.

- Community Development Policy 3.1. The City of Commerce will continue to promote the maintenance and preservation of industrial activities and business that contribute to the city's economic and employment base.
- Community Development Policy 6.3. The City of Commerce will require new commercial and industrial development to employ architectural and site design techniques that will promote quality and efficient development.

The abovementioned policies, along with other policies and elements identified in the General Plan will help contribute to an orderly pattern of development in the City, while helping to contribute to the City's economic well-being.

5. Suitability and functional development design; however, such approval shall be interpreted to require a particular style or type of architecture. The project was designed to meet the City's development standards, including those related to floor area and lot coverage. The project was also evaluated to ensure it met the City's site planning criteria and design guidelines. CEQA analysis of the project included a review of functionality measures of the proposal, including circulation and access. The project meets the intent and standards set forth in the Commerce Municipal Code and the CEQA analysis determined that the project will not have negative impacts on the environment; therefore the proposed building and use are suitable for the project site and its surroundings.

Commerce Municipal Code Section 19.39.420 requires that before granting a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Commission must make the following findings:

- 1. The proposed use is one conditionally permitted within the subject zone and complies with the intent of all applicable provisions of this Title 19. The proposed use is conditionally permitted within the M-2 zone pursuant to the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC). The proposal will allow establishment of self storage facility within new structures development for this purpose. Through conditions of approval, the proposed use will comply with all the provisions of Title 19 of the Zoning Code.
- 2. The proposed use would not impair the integrity and character of the zone in which it is to be located. The proposed use is consistent with other uses in the immediate vicinity and throughout the M-2 zone. As mentioned, the applicant will be providing a self storage facility to the public and business in the community. A new 213,640 square foot facility will be constructed. As such, the proposed use will not impair the integrity of the area or its character. Appropriate conditions of approval have also been crafted in order to ensure the use operates in a manner so as not to impact the area in which it is located.

- 3. The subject site is physically suitable for the type of land use being proposed. The proposed use of a new 213,640 square feet self storage facility is physically suitable for the site. The new facility has been designed to meet the entire required development standard for a self storage facility. As such, no information has been submitted as part of the administrative record that suggests the site is not suitable for the proposed use. Staff believes that the site is physically suitable for the proposed use.
- 4. **The proposed use is compatible with the land uses presently on the subject property**. The proposal new structure for self storage facility will be constructed to be compatible with land uses and will enhance the subject property.
- 5. The proposed use would be compatible with existing and future land uses within the zone and the general area in which the proposed use is to be located. The parcel is surrounded by other uses that are complementary to the self storage facility. The proposed use is one that is conditionally permitted in the zone and will serve to further enhance the City's vision for the area. The proposed use is compatible with adjacent uses and combined with other uses in the M-2 zone, will serve to help provide a variety of industrial activities as called for in the City's General Plan.
- 6. There would be adequate provisions for water, sanitation, and public utilities and services to ensure that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the public health and safety. The project site is located in an urbanized area where similar uses exist. It will be located immediately adjacent to uses that have adequate provisions for water, sanitation and public utilities. Similar access to utilities will be provided to the project and therefore adequate provisions are in place. Furthermore, the proposed use requires minimum water, sanitation and public utilities and services that normal uses in the area. Compliance with all applicable Building Codes and going through the permitting processes is necessary and will help serve to ensure the applicant does not negatively impact any of the provisions discussed herein.
- 7. There would be adequate provisions for public access to serve the subject proposal. The project site is on a developed parcel within the City. Access to the site is provided by a new driveway proposed off Garfield Avenue. The proposed use will require the construction of new building and onsite improvement that will improve the site. Applicant must comply with all applicable Building Codes and permitting processes, which will ensure applicant provides adequate public access.
- 8. The proposed use is consistent with the objectives, policies, general, uses, and programs of the Commerce General Plan. The proposed use is consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses, and programs of the Commerce General Plan. The Commerce General Plan designates the project area as Industrial. This project is consistent with the General Plan in that it contributes to

help establish an orderly pattern of development and a wide range of industrial activities. The project will also improve an existing industrial building, which will promote improvement of a location where reinvestment is needed.

- 9. The proposed use would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare. The proposed operation of the use will comply with all the applicable standards of the Zoning Code, and with the conditions of approval, the project will not adversely impact the general welfare of the City. Further, the applicant will maintain the proposed use in a safe and efficient manner while providing services in accordance with the imposed conditions. The conditions imposed will serve the public interest, health, safety, convenience, and welfare. Therefore, the proposed use would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.
- 10. The proposed design and elevations preserve and maximize the image, character, and visual quality of the neighborhood. The new facility will be designed to meet the development standards and will enhance the current character and visual quality of the neighborhood.

#### ATTACHMENT B CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR PLOT PLAN NO. 992 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 533

- 1. A Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit approval that is valid and in effect and granted pursuant to the provisions of Title 19 of the Commerce Municipal Code shall be valid only on the property for which it was granted and only for the improvements for which it is granted and further, shall continue to be valid upon change of ownership of the property or any lawfully existing building or structure on the property.
- 2. All conditions shall be binding upon the applicants, their successors and assigns; shall run with the land; shall limit and control the issuance and validity of certificates of occupancy; and shall restrict and limit the construction, location, and use and maintenance of all land and structures within the development.
- 3. This permit and all rights hereunder shall terminate within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the permit unless operations are commenced or a written time extension is granted, based on a written request submitted prior to the expiration of the one-year period as provided in Section 19.39.720 of the Commerce Municipal Code.
- 4. The abandonment or non-use of this approval for a period of one year shall terminate the approval without further action of the Planning Commission or City Council, and any privileges granted thereunder shall become null and void.
- 5. In the event of transfer of ownership of the property involved in this application, the new owner shall be fully informed of the use and development of said property as set forth by this permit together with all conditions, which are a part thereof.
- 6. All parking areas shall be clearly identified. The surface parking area must be striped to clearly indicate the location and extent of vehicle parking, maneuvering areas, and drive aisles.
- 7. All loading must occur on-site. No short-term on-street parking will be permitted.
- 8. During construction, all roadways shall be kept open to traffic.
- 9. Equipment used for construction activities shall be properly tuned to reduce exhaust emissions.
- 10. Construction activities shall be stopped during first and second stage smog alerts.

- 11. During construction, trucks and equipment that are not in use shall shut off their engines instead of idling.
- 12. Construction equipment shall be kept in proper tune and mufflers shall be used on all construction equipment to reduce equipment noise.
- 13. Roads adjacent to the project site shall be swept as needed to reduce fugitive dust from the proposed project site.
- 14. All grading operations will be suspended when wind speeds (as instantaneous gusts) exceed 35 miles per hour.
- 15. Construction activities shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Once operational, the proposed project must conform to the City's Noise Ordinance.
- 16. Storage of building materials related to construction activities shall be contained within the project site.
- 17. The project site shall be cleared of all debris prior to the issuance of a building department final inspection.
- 18. The property shall be developed and maintained in a neat, quiet, and orderly condition and operated in a manner so as not to be detrimental to adjacent properties and occupants.
- 19. Contractors and subcontractors engaged in the construction activities of the project shall obtain a business license and all required permits from the City of Commerce.
- 20. The contractor under the observation of the soil engineer shall conduct all clearing, site preparation, or earthwork performed on the project.
- 21. The soils engineer shall provide inspection for site clearing and grading in order to certify that the grading was done in accordance with approved plans and grading specifications.
- 22. Soils binders shall be utilized on construction sites for unpaved roads and/or parking areas.
- 23. The project will be required to comply with all programs adopted by the City for the reduction of solid waste.
- 24. Where feasible, the applicant shall use recycled materials during construction and recycle construction waste. A report shall be provided to the City of Commerce.

- 25. Ultra-low flow water fixtures must be installed to reduce the volume of sewage to the system.
- 26. The project applicant shall install energy-efficient electrical appliances and equipment in accordance with the State of California's Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24).
- 27. Prior to the issuance of any occupancy permits, three (3) sets of landscaping and irrigation plans shall be prepared by a landscape architect and submitted to the City for review and approval. All designated landscaping areas shall be fully planted prior to the issuance of building permit final inspection and maintained at all times.
- 28. Site development shall conform to the site plan reviewed by the Planning Commission when approval of the subject project was granted.
- 29. Violation of any of the conditions of this approval shall be cause for revocation and termination of all rights thereunder.
- 30. The Public Works and Development Services Director or her designee shall have the authority to initiate proceedings to suspend or revoke a Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit approvals pursuant to provisions set forth in Sections 19.39.240 through 19.39.250, inclusive, of the Commerce Municipal Code, Chapter 19.39.
- 31. The applicant and the contractors involved in demolition and/or construction activities must comply with all pertinent South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regulations and requirements governing Particulate Matter (PM10) generation (Rule 401, 403, etc.). PM10 pollution consists of very small liquid and solid particles floating in the air. These particles are less than 10 microns in diameter about 1/7<sup>th</sup> the thickness of the human and are known as PM10.
- 32. The applicant shall comply with all mitigation measures contained in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Plot Plan No. 992 and Conditional Use Permit No. 533.
- 33. The applicant shall work with staff on the design, layout and treatment of the proposed self storage facility. The final design of the structure shall be subject to the review and approval of the City's Director of Public Works and Development Services or her designee.
- 34. The project shall comply with the Section 19.19.220 and 19.31.650 of the CMC (General Development Standards and Design Guidelines) as well as all other applicable sections of the CMC.

- 35. The applicant and future tenants will be required to obtain all pertinent operating permits from the SCAQMD for any equipment requiring such permits.
- 36. The proposed project shall conform to Fire, Building, and Public Works Code requirements. Notwithstanding this review, all required permits from the County Department of Building and Safety must be secured.
- 37. The Applicant or General Contractor shall keep the construction area sufficiently damped to control dust caused by construction and hauling, and at all times provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind.
- 38. All materials transported off-site shall either be sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust and spillage.
- 39. The Applicant shall ensure that the contractors adhere to all pertinent SCAQMD protocols regarding grading, site preparation, and construction activities.
- 40. The Applicant shall ensure that the grading and building contractors must adhere to all pertinent provisions of Rule 403 pertaining to the generation of fugitive dust during grading and/or the use of equipment on unpaved surfaces. The contractors will be responsible for being familiar with, and implementing any pertinent best available control measures.
- 41. During construction, disposal of refuse and other materials should occur in a specified and controlled temporary area on-site physically separated from potential storm water runoff, with ultimate disposal in accordance with local, State and Federal requirements.
- 42. Sediment from areas disturbed by construction shall be retained on-site using structural controls to the maximum extent practicable.
- 43. The project shall comply with the City's Low Impact Development Standards and Green Street Policy.
- 44. All required permits by all permitting agencies shall be obtained for operation of said use and any construction associated with the subject request.
- 45. Violation of any of the conditions of the approval shall be cause for revocation and termination of all rights thereunder.
- 46. The Director of Public Works and Development Services or her designee is authorized to make minor modifications to the approved preliminary plans or any of the conditions if such modifications shall achieve substantially the same results as would strict compliance with said plans and conditions.

47. The Applicant shall sign, notarize, and return to the Public Works and Development Services Department an affidavit accepting all Conditions of Approval within 10 days from the date of the approval, unless appealed. The Applicant acknowledges and understands that all conditions set forth in this Resolution are conditions precedent to the grant of approval and failure to comply with any condition contained herein shall render this Condition Use Permit non-binding as against the City and shall confer Applicant no legal rights under the law.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONDITIONS:

#### **GENERAL FEES REQUIREMENTS**

- 48. Prior to issuance of grading, building or other permits as appropriate, the applicant shall pay all necessary fees to the City.
- 49. Sewer fee will be required in addition to the fees paid to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and shall be paid prior to building permit issuance.
- 50. Separate public encroachment permit and fee payment are required for all work in the public rights-of-way in the city.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REQUIREMENTS

- 51. The owner/developer shall be required to design and construct off-site improvements to the satisfaction and approval of the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 52. Street, drainage improvements and traffic control plans shall be prepared by a registered civil engineer and shall be submitted to the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 53. All work shall be done in accordance with Standard Plans for Public Works Construction (SPPWC) or as directed by the Public Works Engineer and/or the Public Works Inspector.
- 54. Bench Marks, Center Line Ties, and any other Survey Monumentation, shall be established and/or replaced accordingly at the completion of the project. <u>A survey</u> <u>showing existing conditions, property lines, easements, utilities, etc. is required to</u> <u>be submitted to the Public Works & Development Services Department</u>.

- 55. The required *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA) Study <u>shall include a</u> <u>Traffic & Parking Impact Study</u>. The Public Works & Development Services Department shall review and approve the study.
- 56. A geotechnical or soils report is required for the structural section of Bandini Boulevard. Said report must be prepared by a California licensed or registered civil or geotechnical engineer.

#### The following are required for the off-site improvements:

- 57. New full-width (at least 4 feet) Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk is to be constructed along the frontage of 6210 Garfield Avenue with the proper transitions at both ends to meet existing conditions.
- 58. The frontage is to be re-graded to at-grade and allow for parkway vegetation, such as grass or trees, as prescribed by the Public Works & Development Services Department. Parkway width shall be no less than 5 feet.
- 59. If the proposed installation of the full-width sidewalk (minimum 4 feet width) and parkway area encroaches onto private property, then an easement for sidewalk and parkway purposes shall be granted to the City of Commerce for future maintenance purposes. The length and width of the proposed easement shall be determined by the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 60. New curb & gutter (including gutter plate) per SPPWC standards shall be installed along the frontage of 6210 Garfield Avenue. Existing curb & gutter may be saved if they are in good condition during construction.
- 61. Along the proposed parkway area, install street trees at 25-foot intervals with rootbarriers and install separate water meter(s) for irrigation to the satisfaction and approval of the Public Works & Development Services Department. Tree species and exact number of trees shall be determined by the Public Works & Development Services Department at a later date.
- 62. Fronting the property, the existing damaged street pavement of Bandini Boulevard shall be reconstructed to the street centerline. The minimum structural section(s) shall be determined by the Public Works & Development Services Department per the recommendations in the required geotechnical or soils report. All street striping and markings shall be replaced.
- 63. Re-construct the two (2) driveways. These driveways shall be commercial, Type "C" & W=40' with the corresponding radius returns per SPPWC standards and as directed by the Public Works & Development Services Department.

- 64. New curb markings (especially red curbs) shall be installed per the direction of the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 65. New or replacement parking restriction signs shall be installed per the direction of the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 66. Existing parkway drains shall be replaced or repaired.
- 67. Coordination required with California Water Company (CalWater) for the installation of proposed water services, water meters, valves, backflow preventers, and any fire hydrants. All water-related structures, with the exception of backflow preventers, shall be installed within the public right-of-way. The backflow preventers shall be installed within private property. Approval from the Los Angeles County Fire Department required.
- 68. Existing fire connection and vault shall be re-located. New locations shall be determined at a later date by the Public Works & Development Service Department. Approval from the Los Angeles County Fire Department required.
- 69. All existing and proposed utilities shall be underground. Street lights shall be installed, if necessary, in coordination with Southern California Edison (SCE).
- 70. Existing power poles shall be determined if undergrounding is possible. If so, existing power poles shall be removed. Coordination with SCE required.
- 71. Drainage within the subject property shall be collected and required to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) prior to discharge. If a storm drain system or a detention basin is required (depending on its location), additional conditions may apply.
- 72. There is no County maintained storm drain system along Garfield Avenue. Serious consideration shall be given to connecting storm water drainage to Slauson Avenue, where a storm drain system does exist. County permits and plan check review will be required in that instance.
- 73. Current status of existing dual advertisement billboards on-site to be determined at a later date. In the event of re-location, review required by the Public Works & Development Services Department and also from the responsible advertising agency.

#### The following are general requirements for off-site improvements:

74. Any existing improvements in the public right of way that are damaged, made offgrade during construction, including but not limited to the following: traffic signals, light standards, aprons, sidewalk, curb ramps, curb, and/or gutter, shall be removed and replaced with the appropriated SPPWC Standard or as directed by the Public Works & Development Services Department.

- 75. All site drainage shall be collected and deposited in the adjacent gutter, alley, storm drain or similar structure or device, and if necessary, filtered per NPDES regulations. Site storm and/or nuisance water shall not flow across the city sidewalk.
- 76. All new and existing, non-complying driveway aprons shall be constructed in accordance with SPPWC standards and shall provide a minimum 4 feet wide path of travel at no more than 2% cross-slope at the top of apron. Where limited parkway width occurs, the sidewalk shall be depressed at the back of apron to provide a disable access complying path of travel across the driveway apron. Top of driveway apron X shall be 5 feet minimum from any trees, power poles, traffic signal controllers, electric services or similar improvements in the public right-of-way.
- 77. All existing driveways aprons to be closed shall be removed and replaced with new curb, gutter, and sidewalk constructed in accordance with SPPWC standards.
- 78. All damaged or off-grade curb, gutter, and sidewalk shall be removed and replaced in accordance with SPPWC standards.
- 79. All existing street trees off-site and on-site shall be protected in place. Street trees shall be replaced in kind, 60" box minimum, if damaged or killed.

# TITLE REPORT REQUIREMENT

- 80. The applicant is proposing to let remain two (2) lots. A Title Report not older than 6 months, a map showing the existing lots with the proper legal descriptions, and any recorded easements, are required for review and approval.
- 81. The package shall be prepared by a registered California civil engineer or land surveyor and additional pertaining information about the legal requirements, will be provided by the Public Works & Development Services Department.
- 82. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its elected and appointed officials, agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding brought against the city, its elected and appointed officials, agents, officers, or employees arising out of, or which are related to the applicant's project or application (collectively referred to as "proceedings"). The indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, fees and/or costs, liabilities, and expenses incurred or awarded in connection with the proceedings whether incurred by the applicant, the city and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceedings. This indemnity provision shall include the applicant's obligation to indemnify the city for

all the city's costs, fees, and damages that the city incurs in enforcing the indemnification provisions set forth herein. The city shall have the right to choose its own legal counsel to represent the city's interest in the proceedings.

# ATTACHMENT C INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PLOT PLAN NO. 992 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 533

Electronic copy provided to all Planning Commissioners

#### ATTACHMENT D MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR PLOT PLAN NO. 992 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 533

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the subject project has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Public Resources Code §21081.6 which, among other things, states that when a governmental agency adopts or certifies a CEQA document that contains the environmental review of a proposed project, "The public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes made to the project or conditions of project approval, adopted in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation."

The City of Commerce is the lead agency for the project, and is therefore, responsible for administering and implementing of the MMRP. The decision-makers must define specific reporting and/or monitoring requirements to be enforced during project implementation prior to final approval of the proposed project.

The MMRP includes the following: (1) mitigation measures that will either eliminate or lessen the potential impact of the project; (2) the monitoring milestone or phase during which the measure shall be complied with or carried out; and (3) the enforcement agency responsible to monitor mitigation measure compliance.

The MMRP will be in place through all phases of a project including project design (preconstruction), project approval, project construction, and operation (both prior to and post-occupancy). The City will ensure that monitoring is documented through periodic reports and that deficiencies are promptly corrected. Below is a table showing the proposed mitigation measures and the entire MMRP is attached to this report.

Mitigation Measure Number LIGHTING	Mitigation Measure AND GLARE IMPACTS	Monitoring Milestone	Enforcement Agency
NO. 1	The Applicant must also submit an exterior lighting plan for review and approval by the Public Works and Development Services Department prior to the issuance of building permits.	Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits. •Mitigation ends when construction is completed.	Public Works Department and Development Services Department •(Applicant is responsible for implementation)
No. 2	The signs must not include flashing, intermittent or moving lights, and must not emit light that may obstruct or impair the vision of	Prior to the issuance of any building or	Development Services Department

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No. 3	any driver. The security and parking area lighting must be designed so as to prevent spillover lighting and/or glare on the adjacent residential properties.	grading permits. Mitigation ends when construction is completed. Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits. Mitigation ends when	(Applicant is responsible for implementation) Public Works Department and Development Services Department (Applicant is
		construction is	responsible
		completed.	for implementation)
CULTURA	L RESOURCES IMPACTS		
No. 4	The project Applicant will be required to obtain the services of a qualified Native American Monitor(s) during construction-related ground disturbance activities. Ground disturbance is defined by the Tribal Representatives from the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians, Kizh Nation as activities that include, but are not limited to, pavement removal, pot-holing or auguring, boring, grading, excavation, and trenching, within the project area. The monitor(s) must be approved by the tribal representatives and will be present on-site during the construction phases that involve any ground disturbing activities. The Native American Monitor(s) will complete monitoring logs on a daily basis. The onitor(s) will photo- document the ground disturbing activities. The monitor(s) must also have Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) certification. In addition, the monitor(s) will be required to provide insurance certificates, including liability insurance, for any archaeological resource(s) encountered during grading and excavation activities pertinent to the provisions outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code Division 13, Section 21083.2 (a) through (k). The on-site monitoring shall end when the project site grading and excavation activities are completed, or when the monitor has indicated that the site has a low potential for archeological resources.	Prior to the start of any onstruction related activities. Mitigation ends when ground disturbance is completed or otherwise noted by the appointed Native American Monitor(s	Development Services Department (Applicant is responsible for implementation)
NOISE IIVIF		Prior to the	Code Enforcement
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	equipment such as silencers and panels round the engine and vents as a means to reduce machinery noise. A Code Enforcement Officer must check and sign off on all construction equipment prior to the start of construction.	Mitigation ends when construction is completed.	for implementation)
LAW ENFO	DRCEMENT		
No. 6	The final site plan, elevations, building floor plans, and site circulation must be reviewed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to ensure it conforms to their operational requirements.	Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits. • Mitigation ends when construction is completed.	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department • (Applicant is responsible for implementation)
No. 7	The Applicant will be required to prepare a security plan for approval by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.	Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits. Mitigation ends when construction is completed.	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Applicant is responsible for implementation)
TRANSPO	RTATION & CIRCULATION IMPACTS	· · · ·	
No. 8	A sign prohibiting the execution of left-turns from the site's main driveway must be installed.	Prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits. Mitigation ends when construction is completed.	Public Works Department and Development Services Department (Applicant is responsible for implementation)

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