

ITEM NO. 3 TEXT AMENDMENT TO CITY OF LAWRENCE DEVELOPMENT CODE; CHP 20, TO ALLOW ACTIVE RECREATION AS A SUP IN IG DISTRICT (SLD)

TA-2-2-11: Consider a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, Article 4, Section 20-403 to allow Active Recreation as a Special Use in the IG (General Industrial) District. *Initiated by City Commission on 3/1/11.*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Sandra Day presented the item.

Commissioner Rasmussen said it seemed backward to make this a Special Use in the IG district, which he considered to be the heaviest industrial zone, but it's a permitted use by right in the lesser industrial zoned areas.

Ms. Day said she wasn't sure it was the only use and that she would have to do a study of the allowed uses. She said the lower industrial districts have a commercial element to them and that was why the use tended to fit in the lower intensity. She gave the examples of a dance studio and tae kwon do that were allowed in the IBP district. She said the advantage of some of the industrial buildings were the high ceilings and open floor plans. She said there were some opportunities in reusing older buildings but that they would want to be very cautious and deliberate instead of making it categorically appropriate.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Matthew Gough, Barber & Emerson, said the nice thing about the Special Use Permit process was that it would come before Planning Commission for evaluation and allowed for flexibility.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Finkeldei said he liked the idea of it being a Special Use because there were a limited number of industrial spaces in the community and this would allow for them to be looked at on a case by case basis.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Finkeldei, seconded by Commissioner Singleton, to approve the amendment to Section 20-403 of the Land Development Code to add Active Recreation as a Special Use in the IG (General Industrial) District.

Unanimously approved 9-0. Student Commissioner Davis voted in favor.