
Commerce center near Luke AFB gets OK

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Council members expressed appreciation for Colorado based El Paso Natural Gas Company for its sensitivity in developing a 473-acre property on the northwest corner of Glendale Avenue and El Mirage Road, during a workshop held Oct. 7.

The company plan to build Northern Parkway Commerce Center, a mixed-use employment center, on the property which is less than one mile east of Luke AFB and less than five miles west of the city's sports and entertainment district.

“We met with all of the principals, and El Paso Natural Gas many months ago and they went back to the drawing board, eliminating all residential,” Yucca District Councilmember Joyce Clark said. “They were sensitive to the Luke noise contour lines and met all needs. I think it is a wonderful alternative to their original proposal.”

The city's General Plan designates the property as Luke Compatible Land Uses (LCLU) and the developer agreed to preserve the LCLU designation on approximately 120 acres located within the 65-Ldn noise contour line at the northwest corner of the property and to promote the type of low-employee generating industry uses desired by the base.

Councilmembers gave their support for staff to proceed with the requested major General Plan Amendment process so the development can continue.

The amendment would change the General Plan Land use designations from heavy industry and parks and open space to business park, planned commercial, corporate commerce center and LCLU.