

Planners OK clinic, house relocation

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The Planning Commission on Thursday approved a new 4300-square-foot health clinic on Highway 33 and C Street, renewed the use permit for R Corner Store and approved business signs for Ramos Plaza.

Merced Family Health Centers intends to build the one-story building and move its medical and dental clinic from a store front on North Third Street.

The building will stand at the north end of rough-looking vacant land across from Patterson Warehouse. Planners were pleased that part of the eyesore is being improved.

The plans place parking behind the building off C Street. Landscaping includes camphor, redwood, cedar, elm and hackberry trees, plus a variety of ornamental shrubs.

The commission also voted to renew the permit for R Corner Store.

The matter was tabled April 23 when church members

protested adult magazine displays in the store.

Commissioners asked legal counsel if the permit could be conditioned to require discreet placement of the magazines. But the issue became moot when the City Council called for a city-wide blinder ordinance that will put erotic publications under wraps.

In another action, planners unanimously approved a free-standing sign in front of Ramos Plaza, located at the corner of E and South Fourth streets. Plans calls for business signs to be fixed over doors on the east and west sides of the commercial building.

Michael and Maryann Halseth also got approval to move a 2400 square-foot house to the lot at 602 N. Fourth St. A storage garage will be moved to make room for the house.

Halseth plans to relocate the home on Orange Avenue where Stanley and Lilly Johnson lived for many years.