



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Approved October 2, 2019

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Vice Chair Podeswik, Commissioners Hottel, Kanavel, Kelly, Newland, and Torpey. Commissioner Tetlow was absent.

Staff members present were Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Associate Planner Howard Lee, Associate Planner Daniela Trujillo, Contract Planner Emery Papp, and Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Hottel gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Deletions from Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the Next Agenda - None

Item 4. Public Discussion and Audience Participation - None

Item 5. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings.

Commissioner Torpey read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Project No. 2018-02 (Gaipa) – A request for an outdoor dining area and sidewalk café at 8371 La Mesa Boulevard in the CD-D (Downtown Commercial / Urban Design Overlay) zone.

Mr. Lee presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Tony Gaipa – Applicant
- Yolanda Sainz – Resident
- Brenda Leek – Village business owner, Resident
- Wendy Tinsley Becker – Historical Consultant (Urbana)
- David Ventura - Resident

Those in opposition:

- Katherine Petrie
- Adam Meyer

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Torpey made a motion to approve Project No. 2018-02 per the conditions listed in the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 absence (Tetlow).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

6b. Project No. 2019-02 (Rainbow Investment Co.) – A request to amend an existing comprehensive sign program for Grossmont Center at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive in the C-G-D (General Commercial/Grossmont Specific Plan Overlay/Urban Design Overlay) zone.

Ms. Trujillo presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Nikolas Parrish – Rainbow Investment
- Jordyn Drake – Representing Target

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Project No. 2019-02 to amend an existing comprehensive sign program for Grossmont Center at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hottel.

Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 absence (Tetlow).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

6c. Project No. 2017-04 (CUP 17-03) (Harbor Collective, Noel Shamoun) – A request for a partial demolition and reconstruction of an existing commercial building and parking to operate a medical marijuana dispensary located at 7323 El Cajon Boulevard, in the General Commercial / Urban Design Overlay / Mixed-Use Overlay (C-D-MU) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Brianna Coston
- Kent Coston
- Andrew McPartlind
- Sapphire Blackwood
- Aidia Castaneda

Those in opposition:

- Robin Madaffer – Attorney for adjacent tenant
- Scott Bernet – Adjacent tenant

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Kanavel made a motion to approve Project No. 2017-04 for a partial demolition and reconstruction of an existing commercial building and parking to operate a medical marijuana dispensary located at 7323 El Cajon Boulevard with the following additional condition:

“If there is a Fire Code section requiring signage for the gate on the property, no action is required. If not, a sign reading “Restricted Emergency Access Only - To Remain Locked At All Times” will be required.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absence (Tetlow).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the May 15, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected:

Paragraph 3: Should read: "Chairman Alvey, Vice Chair Podeswik, Commissioner Newland"

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hottel. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absence (Tetlow).

7b. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation – Commissioner Torpey
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Kelly

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
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