



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**La Mesa City Hall Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on July 16, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission members present were Vice Chair Hottel, Commissioners Cooper, Coston, Jones, and Newland. Chair Torpey and Commissioner Podeswik were absent.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak, Associate Planner Allyson Kinnard and Assistant City Attorney Cory Lacy.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Newland gave the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda – None

Public Comment (non-agenda items) – None

Note: In accordance with State Law, an item not scheduled on the Agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.

Procedural Rules for Conduct of Hearings – Vice Chair Hottel read the Procedural Rules.

Hearings

A. Project No. 2020-16 (Citymark Communities LLC) – Consideration of an appeal of the Development Advisory Board's approval of a Site Development Plan for a 49-unit mixed-use apartment development at 5220 Wilson Street, APN 490-660-31-00 in the RB-D-MU (Residential Business/Urban Design Overlay/Mixed Use Overlay) zone

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Those in favor of the appeal

- Felix Tinkov – Attorney representing the Appellant
- Kiley Wallace

- Todd Pitman
- Kathleen Brand

Ms. Kinnard read letters submitted to the Planning Department in favor of the appeal.

- Jillian and Bob Barnard
- Mike Calandra
- Bruce Coons
- Randy Engel
- George and Angelika Hauk
- Jennifer Killion
- Betty Lou Murray
- St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Those in opposition to the appeal

- Russ Haley – Citymark Development
- Garret Root – Paleo West (Historic Assessment)
- John Keating – Linscott, Law & Greenspan (Traffic Engineer)
- Tadd Dolfo – Pasco Laret Suiter & Associates (Civil Engineer)

The public hearing was closed.

ACTION: Commissioner Coston made a motion to deny the appeal and uphold the Development Advisory Board decision per the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent (Chair Torpey and Commissioner Podeswik).

Ms. Kinnard read the Appeal Procedures.

Business

(Items A - B)

- A. Approval of the minutes for the Planning Commission regular meeting held Wednesday, July 7, 2021

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 abstaining, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Chair Torpey, Commissioner Podeswik).

- B. Assignment of the Invocation/Pledge and Procedural Rules

For the next Planning Commission meeting Commissioner Newland will give the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cooper will read the Procedural Rules.

Informational Items - None

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator