



## MINUTES

### LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

#### A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, September 1, 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 August 27, 2021, at 4:15 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 Chair Newland, Vice Chair Cooper, Commissioners Alvarado, Coston, Jones, and Torpey.

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Torpey 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 – Commissioner Jones read the Procedural Rules.

#### Hearings

A. Project No. 2020-14 (Grossmont Post Acute Care) – Consideration of a site development plan for a skilled nursing facility at 5601 Grossmont Center Drive, APN 490- 260-11-00 in the C-G-D (General Commercial/Grossmont Specific Plan Overlay/Urban Design Overlay) zone

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Steve L’Hommedieu
- Aaron Dunyon
- Greg Maedo

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Coston made a motion to approve Project No. 2020-14 and the Conditions of Approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cooper. Motion passed with 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Ms. Kinnard read the Appeal Procedures.

B. Project No. 2020-50 (CUP 17-90) (La Mesa Alternative Health) – Consideration of a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary at 7584 University Avenue, APN 469-510-24-00 in the C-D-MU (General Commercial / Urban Design Overlay / Mixed Use Overlay) zone

Mr. Fellows presented the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Abhay Schweitzer – Techne (Design Firm)
- Dawn-Marie Tol – Resident
- Quintin Shamman – La Mesa Alternative Health

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Torpey made a motion to approve the resolution for No. 2020-50 (CUP 17-90) subject to the Conditions of Approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cooper. Motion passed with 4 in favor and 2 opposed (Alvarado and Jones).

Mr. Kusiak read the Appeal Procedures.

#### Business

(Items A - B)

A. Approval of the minutes for the regular Planning Commission meeting held Wednesday, August 18, 2021

ACTION: Vice Chair Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed.).

B. Assignment of the Invocation/Pledge and Procedural Rules

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

#### Informational Items – None

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Davis  
Administrative Coordinator