



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Approved April 7, 2021

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 La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on March 3, 2021, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on February 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Torpey, Commissioners Cooper, Hottel, Jones, Newland, and Podeswik.

Staff members present were Senior Planner Allyson Kinnard and Contract Planner Michael Fellows.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Torpey informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Kelly resigned from the Commission because he is no longer living in La Mesa.

Item 2. Commissioner Hottel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Deletions from the Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the next Agenda – None

Item 4. 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.

Item 5. Procedural Rules for the Conduct of Hearings - Chairman Torpey read the Procedural Rules.

Item 6. Hearings

6a. Project No. 2020-10 (Poitras/Marshall) – Consideration of a variance to reduce the front setback for a two-story addition to a single-family residence comprised of an accessory dwelling unit over a garage at 4942 Colina Drive in the R1 (Urban Residential) zone

Commissioner Hottel recused herself from the project. She is the architect for the project and was representing the applicant.

Mr. Fellows presented the staff report. The project is a two-story addition to an existing single-family residence consisting of a 503 square-foot, two-car garage with a raised deck that connects to the existing rear deck. Over the garage a 680 square-foot accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is proposed.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Adam Cook – Colina resident
- Peter Gregorovic – Colina resident

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Project No. 2020-10 and the conditions listed on the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 recusal (Commissioner Hottel).

Ms. Kinnard read the procedural rules.

Item 7. Business

7a. Approval of January 20, 2021 minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Torpey. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention (Commissioner Cooper).

7b. Approval of the February 10, 2021 Special Meeting minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Torpey. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed.

Item 8. Informational Items

For the next Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Cooper will give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Podeswik will read the Procedural Rules.

Commissioner Hottel reminded the Commissioners of the San Diego Architectural Organization's Open House San Diego event which was taking place during the current week and into the weekend. La Mesa was represented at the event by Senior Planner Allyson Kinnard and Commissioner Newland, who participated in the panel discussion.

Chairman Torpey notified the Commissioners that he presented the Planning Commission's Work Plan to the City Council at their February 23rd meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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