



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Approved September 1, 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 Agenda for this meeting was posted on August 13, 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 Chair Torpey, Commissioners Alvarado, Cooper, Coston, Jones, and Newland.

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 – Commissioner Cooper read the Procedural Rules.

Hearings

A. Project No. 2020-46 (Parking Structure) – Consideration of a proposed parking structure at 9000 Wakarusa Street, APN 490-370-33-00 in the R1S-G-D (Suburban Residential / Grossmont Specific Plan Overlay / Urban Design Overlay) zone

Commissioner Jones recused himself due to a conflict.

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Robert Turner, Sharp Healthcare, made a presentation which provided an overview of the project.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Robert Turner – Sharp Healthcare
- Jason Broad – Vice President of Performance (Grossmont Hospital)

Ms. Kinnard read a letter submitted to the Planning Department regarding the proposed project.

Those in opposition:

- Mason Berry

The public hearing was closed.

ACTION #1: Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance to amend the zoning map to reclassify the subject property to Zone C with the memorandum shared by staff prior to the meeting as well as the edits to the memo during the meeting by Commissioner Cooper. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvarado. Motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 recusal (Commissioner Jones).

ACTION #2: Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the CEQA Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration with the memorandum shared by staff prior to the meeting as well as the edits to the memo during the meeting by Commissioner Cooper. The motion was seconded by Chair Torpey. Motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 recusal (Commissioner Jones).

ACTION #3: Commissioner Coston made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the Site Plan Review for the construction of a new four-story parking structure with the memorandum shared by staff prior to the meeting as well as the edits to the memo during the meeting by Commissioner Cooper. The motion was seconded by Cooper. Motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 1 recusal (Commissioner Jones).

Commissioner Jones rejoined the Commissioners for the remainder of the meeting.

Business

(Items A - C)

- A. Approval of the minutes for the regular Planning Commission meeting held Wednesday, July 21, 2021

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions (Chair Torpey, Commissioner Alvarado).

- B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Torpey nominated Commissioner Newland as Chair. The Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the nomination.

Commissioner Cooper volunteered to be Vice Chair. The Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the nomination.

C. Assignment of the Invocation/Pledge and Procedural Rules

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

Informational Items – None

Mr. Kusiak informed the Commissioners that there will be meetings in September. They will be held on September 1st and 15th.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator