



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Approved September 16, 2020

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 Wednesday, September 2, 2020, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on August 26, 2020, at 1:30 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, Vice Chair Tetlow, Commissioners Hottel, Jones, Kelly, and Newland. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

Staff members present were Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Senior Planner Allyson Kinnard, Contract Planner Emery Papp, and Assistant City Attorney Lauren Hendrickson.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Kelly 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 Jones read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

- 6a. Project Nos. 2017-30 (CUP 17-87) and 2017-41 (CUP 17-93) (DQSA Holdings, LLC) –** Consideration of two Conditional Use Permits, Special Permits, and Site Development Plans for proposed medical marijuana cultivation and manufacturing facilities, including the demolition of the existing structures and construction of a new 12,000 square-foot three-story industrial building 40 feet in height that would house both facilities, on a 15,200 square-foot site located at 8250 Commercial Street in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- o Sam Attisha - Applicant

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Project Number 2017-30 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

ACTION: Chairman Torpey made a motion to approve Project Number 2017-41 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

- 6b. Project Nos. 2018-12 (CUP 18-04) and 2018-13 (CUP 18-05) (Bay City Genetics, Inc.) –** Consideration of two Conditional Use Permits and Site Development Plans for proposed medical marijuana cultivation and manufacturing facilities, including the demolition of the existing structures and construction of a new 13,989 square-foot two-story industrial building 30 feet in height that would house both facilities, on a 13,808 square-foot site located at 8181 Center Street in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- o Wendy Marchbanks – Project Owner
- o Kristi Byers – Architect

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Project No. 2018-12 as presented with revisions to the staff report as follows:

1. All streets shall be revised to read Center Street instead of Commercial Street.
2. An additional condition shall be added to Attachments E and F of the staff report (Development Advisory Board resolutions) stating “Applicant shall dedicate a tunneling easement to the City of La Mesa”.

ACTION: The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
Chairman Torpey made a motion to approve Project No. 2018-13 as presented with revisions to the staff report as follows:

1. All streets shall be revised to read Center Street instead of Commercial Street.
2. An additional condition shall be added to Attachments E and F of the staff report (Development Advisory Board resolutions) stating "Applicant shall dedicate a tunneling easement to the City of La Mesa".

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Hottel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chairman Torpey. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

7b. Assignment of next invocation and Reading of the Procedural Rules:

Invocation: Commissioner Newland
Rules: Commissioner Hottel

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Kusiak stated that staff will work to ensure that, moving forward, parking requirements are consistent. Staff will meet with the owners of the two projects approved tonight to make any needed adjustments to their respective parking plans, as long as those changes will not affect project parameters or CUP conditions.

Commissioner Newland mentioned that the La Mesa Historical Society will be holding an outdoor exhibition provided by the National Archives celebrating the centennial of the Suffragette Centennial. Additional exhibits will include the "Ladies of La Mesa" group who worked on California's Suffragette movement.

He also mentioned that LMHS newsletter will be coming out later this month and will include an article on the historical buildings lost during the May 30th event.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator