



# MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

**Approved April 3, 2019**

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on February 28, 2019, at 4:50 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 Newland, Vice Chair Alvey, Commissioners Hottel, Kanavel, Podeswik, Tetlow, and Torpey.

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

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Tetlow 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 Hottel read the procedures for public hearings.

## **Item 6. HEARINGS**

**6a, Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-95 (Medical Miracle, LLC) – A request for a medical marijuana dispensary at 7935-7939 El Cajon Boulevard, in the General Commercial / Urban Design Overlay / Mixed-Use Overlay (C-D-MU) zone.**

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Abhay Schweitzer – Applicant
- Jim Bartell - Applicant
- Patrick Fusco
- Fred Sobke
- Tom Liscum
- Gina Austin

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Tetlow made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-95. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

**6b. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-96 (Justice Is Coming, LLC) – A request for a medical marijuana dispensary at 8760 Campo Road, in the General Commercial/Scenic Preservation Overlay (C-P) zone.**

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Abhay Schweitzer - Applicant
- Jim Bartell - Applicant
- Kara Fusco

Those in opposition:

- Gina Austin – Attorney for CUP 17-90
- Quintin Shammam
- Jennifer Tanner

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-96. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tetlow. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

- 7a. **Extension of Tentative Tract Map TTM-05-11 (Zigman)** – A request for a 12-month extension of an approved tentative tract map for a one-lot subdivision of property for a proposed mixed-use development at 8135 El Paso Street in the CN-D (Neighborhood Commercial / Urban Design Overlay) zone. Assessor's Parcel Number: 675-070-22-00.

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Ken Dicenza – Project Engineer

Those in opposition: None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland a motion to approve the Extension of Tentative Tract Map TTM-05-11. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Podeswik. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

- 7a. Approval of the minutes from the February 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Kanavel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hottel. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

- 7b. Assignment of next Invocation – Commissioner Hottel  
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Torpey

**Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Commissioner Hottel invited the Commissioners to attend the AIA California Housing Forum on March 29th, where she will be speaking. The topic of discussion will be "How Architectural Approach and Design Thinking Can Influence Housing Policy, Design and Production to Address California's Housing Crisis".

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Davis  
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