



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Approved May 15, 2019

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on April 26, 2019, at 4:45 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 Vice Chair Podeswik, Commissioners Hottel, Kanavel, Newland, Tetlow, and Torpey. Chairman Alvey was absent.

Staff members present were Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Contract Planner Emery Papp, Public Works Director and City Engineer Richard Leja, Administrative Analyst Rhonda Huth, and Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana.

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

Item 2. Commissioner Newland 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 – Briana Costa

Item 5. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings - Commission Kanavel read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-84 Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-84 (Cactus Flower Society) – A request for a medical marijuana cultivation facility at 8185 Center Street, in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) Zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Abhay Schweitzer – Techne
- Rakesh Goyal - Applicant

Those in opposition:

- Brianna Coston

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

-ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve CUP 17-84, subject to the draft resolution and the recommended Conditions of Approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tetlow. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Vice Chair Podeswik).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

6b. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-100 (La Mesa Industrial Group, LLC) –
A request for a medical marijuana manufacturing facility at 8107-8109 Commercial Street, in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) Zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Abhay Schweitzer – Techne
- Rakesh Goyal - Applicant

Those in Opposition:

- Rick Kasitz
- Brianna Coston

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to amend Section F on Page 7 of the staff report as follows:

Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project site is not, nor does it contain, any historical resources. has not been surveyed and may have the potential to be a historic resource.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hottel. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Vice Chair Podeswik).

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve CUP 17-100, subject to the draft resolution, the recommended Conditions of Approval, and the amendment to Page 7, Section F of the staff report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torpey. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Vice Chair Podeswik).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Mr. Leja presented the report, outlining the details of the proposed projects.

ACTION: Commissioner Hottel made a motion finding the CIP Program to be consistent with the General Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Vice Chair Podeswik)

7b. Approval of the minutes from the April 17, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanavel. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Chair Alvey) and 1 absence (Vice Chair Podeswik).

7c. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation – Commissioner Kanavel
Procedural Rules –Commissioner Tetlow

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
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