



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on February 16, 2018, at 5:20 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 Chris Jacobs, Associate Planner Howard Lee, Contract Planner Margaret Barreras, and Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana.

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

Item 2. Commissioner Torpey 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 Podeswik read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Climate Action Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (City of La Mesa) – Final consideration of a Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the City of La Mesa.

Mr. Lee presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

In favor:

- Sophie Wolfram – San Diego 350 - Encouraged the use of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and to meet the Implementation Plan goal of 12 months or less
- David Harris – San Diego 350 – Wants to City to move forward with the goals quickly
- John Michno – Supports a strong Climate Action Plan

Concerns/Comments

- Russell Buckley – Limit expectation to eliminate cost to the City
- Don Wood - Take a harder look at what the City can do to further the goals. Require existing buildings to comply with current State energy efficiency codes prior to sale or remodeling.

In opposition:

- None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve the Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) with an addition to the draft resolution stating "Recommend that the City take a wait and see attitude towards CCAs. The City should thoroughly deliberate and study all options on CCAs. The City should consider joining an existing CCA, form a CCA with the County and/or other cities, or join a public-private partnership with an existing public utility." The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Alvey. Motion carried 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

6b. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-01 (San Diegown) – A request for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary by San Diegown, LLC, at 8155 Center Street in Zone M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing).

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

In favor:

- Sean McDermott - Applicant
- Ambrose Wong - Applicant
- Sapphire Blackwood

Concerns/Comments

- George Fahouris – Solar wasn't required by the City. Parking constraints are an issue.
- Gary Cannon – Safety for public access (sidewalks)

In opposition:

- Gina Austin – Representing applicant within 1000 feet of this project
- Tom Hurner – Business owner in industrial center. Concerned about decreased parking for the building.
- Roy Davis – Representing a competitor in the area

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project

ACTION: Commission Tetlow made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-01 with an additional condition #88 requiring “directional signage at the exit and within the property.” The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanavel. Motion carried 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Vice Chair Alvey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torpey. Motion carried with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

7c. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation – Commissioner Podeswik
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Alvey

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
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