



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Approved September 19, 2018

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on August 29, 2018, at 11:15 a.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 Alvey, Vice Chair Podeswik, Commissioners Hottel, Kanavel, Newland, Tetlow, and Torpey.

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

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

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Torpey

Item 3. Deletions from Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the Next Agenda - None

Item 4. Public Discussion and Audience Participation.

Item 5. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings - Commissioner Newland

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Site Development Plan DAB 18-05 (Gaipa) - Consideration of a parking modification to reduce the number of parking spaces required for a proposed two-story storage building accessory to an existing restaurant, Farmer's Table, at 8141 La Mesa Boulevard in the CD-D (Downtown Commercial/ Urban Design Overlay) zone.

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report. Vice Chair Podeswik recused himself due to his involvement with the project.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Tony Gaipa – Property owner

Those in opposition:

- Martin Ucker – Date Avenue resident

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Site Development Plan DAB 18-05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tetlow. Motion carried 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Podeswik was recused.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

- 6b. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-04 (University and Mass Group, Inc.)** - A request for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary proposed at 7180 University Avenue, in the C-F-D-MU (General Commercial /Floodplain Overlay/Urban Design Overlay/Mixed Use Overlay) Zone.

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Jessica McElfresh – Representing the applicant
- Cynara Velazquez – Association of Cannabis Professionals

Those in opposition:

- Robert Schmalfeldt – Nearby business owner

Concerns/Comments

- John Lehton – Vista La Mesa Christian Church. Concerned about possible issues regarding the church parking lot.

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Podeswik. Motion carried 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

6c. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-05 (Parkway Drive Group, Inc.) - A request for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary proposed at 8160 Parkway Drive, in the C-D (General Commercial/Urban Design Overlay) zone.

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Jessica McElFresh – Representing the applicant

Those in opposition:

- Rick Preciado

Comments/Concerns:

- AJ Michaels - Chick fil-A

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Vice Chair Podeswik made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried 6 in favor and 1 opposed (Kanavel).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

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

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

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Commissioner Newland mentioned the upcoming Historical Home Tour on Saturday, November 3rd.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator