



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Approved May 1, 2019

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 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 11, 2019, at 10:50 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 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, 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 - Commission Tetlow read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-85 (Prime Harvest LLC) - A request for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary proposed at 8110 Commercial Street, in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) Zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Jim Bartell
- Abhay Schweitzer
- John Wilczak
- Duane Alexander
- Jeanette Lizarraga

Those in opposition:

- Randall Akins
- Richard Kasitz
- Micah Bailey
- Ambrose Wong
- Karen Behnke

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Torpey made a motion to approve CUP 17-85 with the addition of the two conditions listed below:

Applicant shall prepare and submit a Circulation Plan to include wayfinding signage indicating that parking ingress and egress is available from the two-way, 20-foot-wide drive aisle located on the north side of the building; directing on-site vehicular traffic back to the two-way drive aisle; identifying points of egress as right turn only; and installing "No Parking" signs on the south side of the building. (Added by Planning Commission, April 17, 2019)

13. The Conditional Use Permit shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission in one year to revisit the vehicular circulation issues and determine if the circulation plan has been effective.

Vice Chair Podeswik seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Chairman Alvey).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the April 3, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Hottel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torpey. Motion carried with 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent (Chairman Alvey).

7b. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation – Commissioner Newland
Procedural Rules – Vice Chair Podeswik

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Commissioner Newland shared that the Historical Society will hold a workshop this coming Saturday on historic preservation and historical landmark process.

Commissioner Hottel notified the commissioners that the AIA Housing Forum is now available online.

Mr. Kusiak let the commissioners know that there will be meetings on May 1st and May 15th.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator