



**Minutes
Development Review Commission
STUDY SESSION
August 13, 2024**

Minutes of the study session of the Development Review Commission, of the City of Tempe, was held in Council Chambers
31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

Present:

Chair Andrew Johnson
Vice Chair Michelle Schwartz
Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Commissioner Linda Spears
Commissioner Larry Tom
Commissioner Stefan Richter
Alt Commissioner Charles Redman

City Staff Present:

Jeff Tamulevich, Director, Community Development
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director, Community Development
Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner
Michelle Dahlke, Principal Planner
Diana Kaminski, Principal Planner
Jacob Payne, Senior Planner
Lucas Jensen, Planner II
Whitney Mayfield, Planner I
Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II

Absent:

Commissioner Joe Forte
Alt Commissioner Rhiannon Corbett
Alt Commissioner Robert Miller

Chair Johnson began the Study Session at 5:32 p.m.

Review of July 23, 2024 Minutes

Item #1 - Study Session Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes

Review of August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda

Item #2 – NELSON RESIDENCE (PL240147) – on consent
Item #3 – BELLAGIO SMOKE AND VAPE (PL240153) – on consent
Item #4 – VERLEA PROJECT (PL240200) – on consent
Item #5 – MCCRACKEN RESIDENCE (PL240223) – on consent
Item #6 – NWC RURAL AND WARNER (PL240155) – to be heard

PRESENTATION: Character Area 6 – Southwest Tempe

Presentation by: Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner, and Jacob Payne, Senior Planner

Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner, gave a brief overview of Character Area 6, including the planning area and population data, area traits, and images of the types of developments/attractions in the area.

Jacob Payne, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the public outreach process for Character Area 6 that began in January of 2024. He noted this included surveys, public meetings, information tables at several locations, community meetings, and presentations before various boards and commissions. Mr. Payne went over the feedback that was received from the community on what they would like for this area. Mr. Payne advised that Character Area 6 will be coming before the Development Review Commission on September 10, 2024, for recommendation and will then go to the City Council for adoption on October 1, 2024.

Project Updates by Staff (City Council Action Items): NONE

Announcements:

Michelle Dahlke, Principal Planner, advised the Commission of the items that will be on the August 27, 2024 DRC agenda.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Prepared by: Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II
Reviewed by: Michelle Dahlke, Principal Planner