

**Minutes
Development Review Commission
Study Session
September 27, 2016**

**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 Linda Spears
Vice Chair David Lyon
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Angela Thornton
Commissioner Scott Summers
Commissioner Phillip Amorosi
Commissioner Andrew Johnson

City Staff Present:

Jeff Tamulevich, Interim Community Development Director
Ryan Levesque, Com Dev Deputy Director - Planning
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Lee Jimenez, Senior Planner
Obenia Kingsby, Planner I
Cynthia Jarrad, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Alternate Commissioner Gerald Langston
Alternate Commissioner Nicholas Labadie

Chair Linda Spears began the Study Session at 5:30 p.m.

Review of August 9, 2016 Minutes

Item #1 - Study Session Minutes
Item #2 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Review of September 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda

Item #3 – 1878 TEMPE (PL160210) - to be heard
Item #4 – DANARI TEMPE (PL160239) – to be heard

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed with Jeff Tamulevich, Interim Community Development Director, and Ryan Levesque, Community Development Deputy Director – Planning, the proposed Code Text Amendment for Sign Code Reform. As this item will be on the 10/25/16 agenda, Mr. Tamulevich and Mr. Levesque presented some background information as to why the Sign Code must change based on the Supreme Court ruling in the 2015 Reed vs. Gilbert case. Constitutionally, sign code can no longer be based on content, and the City of Tempe has spent the past year converting its sign code. It is one of the first cities to proactively make and implement the necessary changes to be in compliance with the new restrictions. Currently, every municipality in the country is facing this same issue. Commissioners were given the old and the new sign code so they could review the changes at their leisure. Commissioners had several questions, regarding specifics about whether obscenities or derogatory language could be monitored, if the sign codes differentiate based on Zones, if the same standards apply no matter the location, time limits for political signs, how the monitoring of the new sign code will take place, etc. Mr. Tamulevich and Mr. Levesque answered most questions and deferred a few, stating that a representative from the City Attorney's office could answer those questions more specifically, at the regular meeting on 10/25/16. Chair Linda Spears requested the "strike-out" version of the document so they could peruse the changes. Mr. Tamulevich informed the Commission this would be sent to them via email.

Announcements: NONE

The Study Session adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Prepared by: Cynthia Jarrad



Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
