

**Minutes
Development Review Commission
Study Session
May 23, 2017**

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:

Vice Chair David Lyon
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Philip Amorosi
Alternate Commissioner Nicholas Labadie
Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd

Absent:

Chair Linda Spears
Commissioner Angela Thornton
Commissioner Scott Summers
Commissioner Andrew Johnson
Alternate Commissioner Gerald Langston

City Staff Present:

Chad Weaver, Community Development Director
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Comm. Development Director-Planning
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Obenia Kingsby, Planner II
Cynthia Jarrad, Administrative Assistant

Vice Chair David Lyon began the Study Session at 5:30 p.m.

Review of April 25, 2017 Minutes

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

Review of May 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda

- Item #3 – Tempe Crane (PL170106) – to be heard
- Item #4 – Apache + Oak (PL160429) – to be heard

DISCUSSION: Mr. Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner, Public Works, gave a Tempe Streetcar presentation/update to the Commissioners. He covered basics such as number of vehicles, stops, connections, etc. including which intersections are proposed to be off-wire and configuration options. He explained that on Rio Salado Parkway, alignment may be in the median or on the south side, with city staff continuing coordination of this with APS, ASU, Hayden Flour Mill, Parks, the Tribal Community, and Stakeholders. He discussed Federal funding for the project for Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018. He shared plans concerning pedestrian and bicycle treatments and elements of the streetcar stops, such as seating, shade, public art, and landscaping. He shared a timeline, explaining that the majority of the work on Ash and Mill between University and Rio Salado will take place during summer of 2017, with utility relocation work continuing outside of the downtown core in fall of 2017. Construction continues on each of the phases (utility relocation, track construction, platform stops, electrical, etc) until opening, which is scheduled to occur in September of 2020. Public meetings will continue throughout the process. Mr. Iwersen answered a few questions from the Commissioners, such as if there would be advertising on the cars, more specifics about shading at the stops, public art, etc. All questions were answered to satisfaction.

Announcements: None.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner