



Minutes of the Development Review Commission Study Session January 9, 2018

Minutes of the Study Session of the Development Review Commission, of the City of Tempe, which was held in Council Chambers,
31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

Present:

Chair Linda Spears
Vice Chair David Lyon
Commissioner Michael DiDomenico
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Philip Amorosi
Commissioner Andrew Johnson
Alternate Commissioner Nicholas Labadie

Absent:

Commissioner Scott Sumners
Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Alternate Commissioner Angela Thornton

City Staff Present:

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

Chair Linda Spears began the Study Session at 5:29 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Chad Weaver, Community Development Director, briefly spoke to the Commission members, and gave them each a copy of the memorandum which was produced by the Office of Strategic Management and Diversity as the outcome of the Special Study Session that was held for the DRC on September 25, 2017. He encouraged the members to read it and email or call him with any questions regarding the memo. He also let them know that there will be a formal internal audit of the Planning function in the near future, which may generate outcomes or recommendations that help vet through the topics that have already been raised. He stated that he and the Community Development department are continuing to move forward with changes that can be made to the development process now and in the future.

Review of December 12, 2017 Minutes

- Item #1 - Study Session Minutes, December 12, 2017
- Item #2 – Regular Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2017

Review of January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

- Item #3 – Discovery Business Campus-Site 3 Parking Structure (PL170351) – on consent
- Item #4 – Apache and Oak (PL160429) – on consent
- Item #5 - Park Place (PL170166) – a few questions answered by staff, on consent
- Item #6 – Alliance Broadstone Rio Salado (PL170272) – on consent
- Item #7 – Farmer Townhomes (PL170280) – to be heard
- Item #8 – Accessory Dwelling Units (PL170425) – a few questions answered by staff, on consent

Project Update by Staff (City Council Action Items): Mr. Ryan Levesque informed Commission members that the Hayden Flour Mill Phase I had been approved. A Development Agreement was also approved with Boyer group for vacant land west of the Tempe Center for the Arts. The Muse, which was not approved by the DRC, has been appealed, and will be heard by City Council on January 18th. Quick Quack, which was approved by the DRC, has also been appealed, and will be heard by City Council on February 8th.

Announcements: Chair Spears asked that the Agenda review for the next meeting be put off until the regular meeting, as the Study Session had already gone overtime.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Prepared by: Cynthia Jarrad



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Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner