



Minutes of the Development Review Commission Study Session October 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 David Lyon
Vice Chair DiDomenico
Commissioner Don Cassano
Commissioner Andrew Johnson
Commissioner Scott Sumners
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Philip Amorosi

City Staff Present:

Chad Weaver, Director, Community Development
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director – Planning, Comm. Devel.
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Christopher Ray, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Alt Commissioner Angela Thornton
Alt Commissioner Barbara Lloyd

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

Review of October 9th, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Review of August 14th, 2018 Study Session Minutes
2. Review of August 14th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Michael DiDomenico commented that he would like to strike a line from the August 14th DRC minutes, but other than that he was agreeable to them.

3. Tempe Student Housing (PL180175) – Continued

Commissioner Thomas Brown asked Ms. Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner, to give an overview of the signage that will be on site.

Ms. Kaminski explained to the Commission the signage in the guest parking lot that will be used on the property.

Ms. Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner, noted the architect for Haken Holdings, Justin Helms, was not able to make it to this meeting, but would be able to be phoned in, if necessary.

Project Update by Staff (City Council Action Items):

Mr. Ryan Levesque, Community Development Deputy Director, gave a brief overview of the City Council action items.

- Baseline Roosevelt Retail continued Sept 27th, to a later meeting due to traffic concerns, but was approved the request for a PAD and DPR.
- Garcia Residence will have their second appeal Oct. 22nd
- City Managers Work Group gave an update on process improvements, with favorable direction.
- Process improvements will be delivered incrementally.
- First DRC meeting with standalone Use Permits will be Nov. 27th.

Commissioner Scott Sumners inquired about the Council Chambers facility upgrade schedule.

Mr. Levesque responded the renovations will be happening somewhere around July to December of 2019, and during that time all public meetings will be held in the Don Cassano room, located at the Transit Center. He clarified he is unaware of what exactly the improvements are to the facility, but he knew it included technology upgrades.

Vice Chair DiDomenico asked about possible expansion of the council chambers and inquired about other renovations.

Mr. Levesque stated he did not believe they will be expanding the chambers, but they are certainly looking at different ways to enter the building and configuration.

Announcements:

Ms. Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner, reminded the Commission the October 23rd Study Session will begin early at 5:15 because Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner, would be presenting an update on the Urban Core Masterplan. She also, announced Commissioner Don Cassano, and Commissioner Andrew Johnson will not be attending the meeting; and will be replaced by Commissioner Barbara Lloyd and Commissioner Angela Thornton.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Prepared by: Christopher Ray



Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner