



Minutes of the Development Review Commission Study Session February 12, 2019

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 Michael DiDomenico
Alt Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Alt Commissioner Angela Thornton
Commissioner Philip Amorosi
Commissioner Andrew Johnson

Absent:

Commissioner Scott Summers
Commissioner Don Cassano
Alt Commissioner Michelle Schwartz

City Staff Present:

Chad Weaver, Director, Community Development
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director, Community Development
Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner
Karen Stovall, Senior Planner
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Lee Jimenez, Senior Planner
Obenia Kingsby II, Planner II
Blake Schimke, Planning Technician
Christopher Ray, Administrative Assistant I

Chair Lyon began the Study Session at 5:30 PM.

Review of February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda

The Commission asked Mr. Lee Jimenez, Senior Planner, to clarify a few items on the Aoufe University project regarding the parcels being combined and lot lines. Mr. Jimenez clarified the commissions concerns and they decided it would be suitable to be put onto the consent agenda. Chair David Lyon asked if there has been any news or complaints regarding the University Business Center project. Mr. Obenia Kingsby, Planner II, stated there has been none. Commissioner Phil Amorosi commented that he was concerned about the condition of the lot where this will be built, but they responded they will be resurfacing the whole lot. Mr. Kingsby added that his project MedImpact Garage has not received any comments or concerns. Vice Chair Michael DiDomenico stated he would like to hear that item. The Commission decided the Villas on 7th project was eligible for the consent agenda as well. Chair Lyon asked about the ADOT University Project. Mr. Blake Schimke, Planning Technician, stated that as of this afternoon they have requested a continuance to the March 12, 2019 meeting. Mr. Schimke explained the process behind how it will be continued and added that the applicant is here to address the Commission as well. Ms. Karen Stovall, Senior Planner, presented e-mails she has received in regard to her project Grooming Humans Hair studio. After discussion the Commission decided to hear the item. Mr. Lee Jimenez presented that he has no new comments or concerns for Camden Hayden II project. Vice Chair DiDomenico stated he was confused about the parking situation and felt as if it wasn't represented clearly. The Commission Discussed the ADU Ordinance and expressed that it will be heard. Commissioner Thomas brown stated he would like to hear University Business Center so that got pulled from the consent agenda.

Project Update by Staff (City Council Action Items)

Mr. Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director Planning, gave a brief overview of recent City Council Items and projects that had come to DRC in the past. Mr. Levesque also gave a brief overview of the agenda for the upcoming 2/22 DRC meeting.

Commission Comments

Vice Chair DiDomenico stated he has a lot of trouble with the recent packets and download speed. Mr. Levesque explained that there will be a new agenda management system that will be rolled out soon and should help with the problem that Vice Chair DiDomenico is having.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:46 PM.

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Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque,
Deputy Community Development Director