

**Minutes
Development Review Commission
STUDY SESSION
June 9, 2020**

**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 David Lyon
Vice Chair Michael DiDomenico
Commissioner Scott Summers
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Don Cassano
Commissioner Philip Amorosi
Commissioner Andrew Johnson
Alt Commissioner Michelle Schwartz (observing only)

City Staff Present:

Chad Weaver, Director, Community Development
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director, Community Development
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner
Obenia Kingsby II, Planner II
Dalton Guerra, Planner I
Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II

Absent:

Alt Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Alt Commissioner Angela Taylor

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

Review of April 28, 2020 Minutes

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

Review of June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

- Item #3 – VELOCITY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX (PL200037) – ON CONSENT
- Item #4 – HALE RESIDENCE (PL200064) – to be heard

Project update:

Mr. Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director – Community Development, informed the Commission that the Medical Marijuana Text Amendment had been brought before the City Council. The Council members asked how many cultivation sites there were in the area and wanted to see a map of the area showing where the eligible cultivation sites were and if any of those currently had the ability to expand beyond the current 25,000 SF limitation. They also commented on the possible lack of neighborhood communication or participation. As a result, after the first hearing staff made a concerted effort to reach out to the neighborhood associations within a half mile radius of the area and at this time staff has not received any comments. This item is scheduled for a second hearing before the City Council on June 11, 2020. Mr. Levesque advised the Commission that a settlement agreement with Valvoline Tempe was also brought before the City Council. There was a motion for approval of the settlement in a 6-1 vote. The project will now be able to proceed based on the original conditions in the staff report. Vice Chair DiDomenico stated he had watched the City Council meeting and based on the settlement agreement he understood there was a reduction of one of the drives on McClintock. Mr. Levesque confirmed that there was a reduction in the number of drives on the property.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner

