



**Minutes  
Development Review Commission  
STUDY SESSION  
November 8, 2022**

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 Michael DiDomenico  
Vice Chair Andrew Johnson  
Commissioner Barbara Lloyd  
Commissioner Linda Spears  
Alt Commissioner Charles Redman  
Alt Commissioner Robert Miller

**City Staff Present:**

Jeff Tamulevich, Director, Community Development  
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director, Community Development  
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner  
Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner  
Lee Jimenez, Senior Planner  
Lilly Drosos, Planner I  
Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II

**Absent:**

Commissioner Don Cassano  
Commissioner Michelle Schwartz  
Commissioner Joe Forte  
Alt Commissioner Rhiannon Corbett

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**Chair DiDomenico began the Study Session at 5:33 p.m.**

**Review of 2022 DRC Annual Report**

Item #1 – 2022 Development Review Commission Annual Report

**Review of November 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Item #2 – SALIM RESIDENCE (PL220190) – on consent  
Item #3 – CALIENDO RESIDENCE (PL220039) – on consent

**PRESENTATION:**

Apache River Apartments (PL220030) – Presentation by Applicant for Commission Input

Mr. Mike Marsh, Moderna Architects, had previously presented this project at the 10/25/22 DRC meeting, but it was continued as there were some concerns from the Commission members. The continuation allowed the applicant to make some modifications to the plans. Mr. March presented two possible modifications to the Commission. This item will be brought before the Commission for a vote at a later date.

Tempe tomorrow General Plan 2050 – Update to the Development Review Commission by Phil Amorosi, DRC Liaison Technical Advisory Group

Mr. Amorosi provided an update on his participation on the TAG meetings. He briefed the DRC about what was discussed at the TAG meetings so far that included the Land Use Chapter, economic Development Chapter and the residential Land Use and Density maps. He stated that he has been providing input and comments at the meetings.

Mr. Amorosi spoke about the concept of “Blue Zones” that staff had discussed as one national trend related to planning. Blue Zones are areas where people live long and healthy lives because of the quality of environment, activities, and lifestyle opportunities. He mentioned the examples given of Loma Linda in California, Sardinia, Italy and Okinawa, Japan. He spoke about the nine criteria that support the making of a Blue Zone.

Chair DiDomenico asked Mr. Amorosi to report back to the DRC in January on the TAG meeting updates, then maybe every two months after that. Chair DiDomenico also asked for information on the criteria for Blue Zones. Mr. Amorosi stated he would do that.

**Announcements:**

Ms. Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner, provided the Commission with updates on recent City Council items:

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**The Study Session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

Prepared by: Joanna Barry, Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner

