



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Approved May 2, 2018

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on March 16, 2018, at 2:50 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Newland, Vice Chair Alvey, Commissioners Hottel, Kanavel, Podeswik, Tetlow, and Torpey.

Staff members present were Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana, and Margaret Barreras.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Alvey gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Deletions from Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the Next Agenda - None

Item 4. Public Discussion and Audience Participation - None

Item 5. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings.

Chairman Newland read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-16 (La Mesa Health Center, Inc.) – A request for a medical marijuana dispensary at 7729 University Avenue in the General Commercial/Urban Design Overlay/Mixed-Use Overlay (C-D-MU) zone.

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

In favor:

- Gina Austin – Applicant's attorney
- Allen Austin – Project Designer
- Vanessa Naimi – Applicant
- J. C. Steagall – Resident
- Phil Leggitt – Resident

- Ariel Hunt – Resident
- Atilla Sziladyi - Resident
- Jan Wilcox – Business owner
- Candace LaMar - Resident
- Rolando Chavez – Resident
- Ryan Faught – Resident
- Jim Bartell
- Alainna Reece - Resident
- Erika Burdell – Resident
- Hyzang Burdell - Resident
- Derell Steagall - Resident

In opposition:

- Malik Netters – Competing applicant
- Daniel Kang – Competing applicant
- Toure Netters – Competing applicant
- Bob McClellan – Property owner - 7600 block University Avenue
- Steve Horvath – Resident
- Steve Chance – Property owner – 7735 University Avenue

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Podeswik made a motion to adopt the draft resolution permitting CUP 17-16 with the listed conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tetlow. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

6b. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-31 (New Origins Management, Inc.) – A request for a medical marijuana dispensary at 7339 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite C, in the General Commercial/Urban Design Overlay/Mixed-Use Overlay (C-D-MU) zone.

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

In favor:

- Gina Austin – Applicant attorney
- Joe Esposito
- Alex Scherer – Applicant
- Thomas Perkins
- Steph McCannon – Resident
- Luis Garcia
- Edward Nunez
- Rolando Chavez
- Miguel Castaneda

In opposition:

- Mark Robak – Competing applicant
- Leon Alpert – Competing applicant
- Sapphire Blackwood – Competing applicant representative
- Jessica McElfresh – Competing applicant attorney

- o Cynara Velazquez – Competing applicant

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Chairman Newland made a motion to adopt the draft resolution permitting CUP 17-31 with the listed conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Podeswik. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 opposed (Alvey).

Commissioner Alvey felt that no other medical marijuana Conditional Use Permits should come before the Commission until the line order process is clearly defined.

ACTION: Recommendation that Staff prepare a summary report explaining the line process to the Planning Commission and the City Council in order to document line order process. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

Item 7. BUSINESS

- 7a. Approval of the minutes from the March 7, 2018, Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Alvey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torpey. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

- 7b. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation – Chairman Newland
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Kanavel

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator