



MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on March 30, 2019, at 4:00 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, Contract Planner Emery Papp, and Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Tetlow 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.

Commissioner Torpey read the procedures for public hearings.

Item 6. HEARINGS

6a. Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-07 (Jackson Drive Group, Inc.) – A request for a medical marijuana dispensary within an existing building at 5555 Jackson Drive, in the General Commercial / Urban Design Overlay (C-D-MU) Zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- Candace Robles – Project Designer
- Brianna Coston – Project Architect
- Eric Craig – Representing the Applicant
- Jessica McElfresh – Attorney

Those in opposition:

- Jim Bartell
- Benjamin Peterson
- Tom Ragland

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit CUP 17-07. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Podeswik. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

7a. Approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

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

7b. Assignment of next Invocation and Reading of Procedural Rules

Invocation – Commissioner Torpey
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Newland

Item 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Kusiak informed the Commissioners that there will be hearings for medical marijuana dispensary and manufacturing facilities in the near future.

Commissioner Newland shared that the La Mesa Historical Society will be holding events over the next few weeks.

Commissioner Kanavel reminded everyone of the upcoming Flag Day Parade on Saturday, June 1st.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
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