

Minutes of the Design Review Board
A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 12:30 PM

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Members Attending: Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Chair Chris Langdon, Board Members William Lorenz and Michael Robinson
Absent: Assistant Director of Community Development Matthew Feske
Staff Attending: None

Additions/Deletions

Public Comments – None

Conflict Disclosures – None

Hearings - None

Business

(Item 1 - 2)

1. Project No. 2020-15 (Allison Avenue TOD) – Consideration of a proposed 147-unit apartment building at 8181 Allison Avenue and a zone change to CD (Downtown Commercial Zone).

Mr. Kusiak presented the staff report.

Those in favor

- Royce Patch – USA Properties, Inc.
- Milo Terzich – USA Properties, Inc.
- Sean Reynolds – USA Properties, Inc.
- Jirair Garabedian, Architect – Dahlin Group
- Devon Boute, Landscape Design – Dahlin Group
- Kyle Trudeau, Engineer – Dahlin Group
- Meghan Murphy, Engineer – Dahlin Group

Those in opposition – None

Jirair Garabedian, Architect for the project, made a presentation outlining the specifics of the proposed project.

The Board members discussed the project.

Motion: Chair Langdon made a motion to approve Project No. 2020-15, subject to City Council ratification. Chair Langdon included 2 suggestions for the City Council to consider: 1) additional planting along the white walls facing Allison Avenue, 2) working with MTS to reposition the existing bus shelter in an effort to relieve the pinch point between the shelter and the project. Board member Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absence.

Aye: Kusiak, Langdon, Lorenz, Robinson
Nay: None
Absent: Feske
Abstain: None

2. Approval of the minutes of the Design Review Board meeting held June 28, 2021.

Motion: Chair Langdon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Lorenz seconded the motion. Motion carried with 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 1 absence.

Aye: Lorenz, Robinson
Nay: None
Absent: Feske
Abstain: Kusiak, Langdon

Informational Items – None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator