
MINUTES OF THE
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
November 26, 2013

HARRY E. MITCHELL GOVERNMENT CENTER
TEMPE CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
31 EAST 5TH STREET
5:30 p.m.

Commission Present:

Dennis Webb, Chair
Paul Kent, Vice Chair
Trevor Barger
Ron Collett
Linda Spears
Angie Thornton

Commission Absent:

Dan Killoren
Dave Maza
Peggy Tinsley

City Staff Present:

Steve Abrahamson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator
Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Julie Stenner, Executive Assistant

Chair Webb began the Study Session at 5:30 p.m. After a brief review and discussion, it was determined that the November 12, 2013 minutes could be approved as drafted, and Items No. 2, 1010 Lemon (PL130034) and No. 3 Broadway Academic Building (PL130006) could be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Ryan Levesque stated a request for 1916 Hayden Lane had received previous approval for a development similar to this project. As a result of the economic downturn, the project was not constructed and all prior entitlements have expired as a result of inactivity. A new property owner and design team have revitalized the prior project and are now seeking approval from the Development Review Commission. Staff recommends a lighter tone for one of the building colors to provide a greater variation and distinction between the buildings.

Diana Kaminski stated she had not received any calls from the public regarding McKemy Townhomes. There are challenges with this project due to the space available. The alley will be utilized for fire access. The project consists of single family, owner occupied attached townhome units. The landscaped area will be a common area for the development. The proposed vegetation will be fairly low due to the underground utilities in the alley.

Commissioner Barger asked if it would be possible to have trees planted near the alley. Many alleyways are turning into streets and private drives.

Commissioner Spears stated it is not required to have trees planted along alleys.

Commissioner Collett stated alleys are not usually wide enough to have trees planted along the sides.

Commissioner Barger would like to see above ground level vegetation along the alley.

The Commission decided to hear the case and consider a proposed condition relating to alley vegetation.

Steve Abrahamson reviewed the items on the December 10, 2013 Development Review Commission Agenda. He also distributed maps displaying future projects in South Tempe and around Tempe Town Lake.

Ryan Levesque informed the Commission USA Place located at the south east corner of Mill Avenue and University Drive will be presented to the Joint Review Committee on December 11, 2013.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Prepared by: Julie Stennerson, Executive Assistant
Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner



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