
MINUTES OF THE
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
June 9, 2015

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
Angie Thornton
Trevor Barger
Peggy Tinsley
Linda Spears
Gerald Langston, alt

Commission Absent:

David Lyon, alt
Dan Killoren, alt.

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Com Dev Director
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Karen Stovall, Senior Planner
Sarah Adame, Administrative Assistant II

Chair Webb began the Study Session at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Webb acknowledged that the minutes from the 05/12/2015 Development Review Commission meeting would be reviewed during regular meeting.

Commissioner Tinsley stated that in the minutes on the 3rd page, she did state that she thanked the applicant for listening to the Commission and that it will be a very nice project and that it was Commissioner Thornton that stated she appreciated the applicant coming back with all the changes and thinks there is too much in this project for this piece of property.

Chair Webb asked if there were any more letters that came in regarding Countryside Cell Tower.

Staff, Ms. Stovall answered yes, copies of the letters are in the commissioners' binders as well as an email was forwarded via email to the commission to review the letter prior to the regular meeting.

Commissioner Langston asked Ms. Stovall if the applicant is going to be present at tonight's regular session to explain the cell tower and what the need is for it.

Ms. Stovall answered yes; the applicant and the appellant are here tonight.

Chair Webb reviewed Majestic Tempe with the commission.

Staff, Diana Kaminski stated there have not been any calls or concerns for Majestic Tempe.

The Commission suggested putting Majestic Tempe on the consent agenda.

Chair Webb agreed.

Chair Webb asked if there was any additional information for Superstar Carwash.

Ms. Kaminski stated that the applicant wanted to use a brick finish and staff has asked to use natural slate. Therefore, the applicant has asked to discuss this matter with commission.

Commission asked if applicant is going to be here.

Ms. Kaminski answered yes.

Commission asked if there is a reason of there not being any landscape on the east and west boundaries of the property.

Ms. Kaminski advised that there is landscaping on the true west side and express oil site. There is no landscaping in the area of the car wash site.

Chair Webb asked for information on Tempe Parkview Townhomes.

Ms. Kaminski expressed to the commission that she has received two pieces of public communication for Tempe Parkview Townhomes and that those are provided for the commission's review in their binders. She expressed that she is uncertain if they will be present for tonight's meeting. Ms. Kaminski included that the applicant did provide additional information by cd and the information on the project being Leed Silver certified.

Chair Webb stated that it would be heard in the regular meeting.

Chair Webb stated that the next two items: Southbank Lot 1 and Lot 6 are requested to be continued.

Ms. Stovall stated agreed they are to be requested to be continued to the next DRC meeting June 23, 2015

Chair Webb asked if there are any announcements from staff.

Mr. Levesque reviewed the next agenda for June 23, 2015

- Southbank Lot 1
- Southbank Lot 6
- Lindstrom – Nucci House
- Fifth Street West
- Political Signs

Ms. Kaminski stated that Fifth Street West is west of Beck Street; it's the same developer as Fourth Street. He is taking two sites that have duplexes and is requesting to building seven townhomes with a clustered courtyard concept like his Fourth Street project.

Commissioner Thornton asked how much property is involved.

Ms. Kaminski replied about a half acer.

Staff, Mr. Ryan Levesque stated that the Political Signs item is to clarify some language to match state law and signage provisions.

Mr. Levesque included that he has been in contact with the City Clerk regarding reinstatements and appointments for the commission and was advised it would be on the June 25th City Council meeting if not there could be some issues. He explained that the Commission has two positions up for renewals and two positions up for new appointments. One alternate requested that he would like to be a regular member; he is no longer interested in being an alternate.

Chair Webb requested to talk about this later, to recognize the concern that the people who are coming off the board and that the board would be short 3 members. Only one of which has experience in the same industry from having two in the last three years. Chair Webb suggests council would work on getting the best member possible for this commission.

Mr. Levesque will send out the accumulated list of membership statuses for each board member and alternate.

Commissioner Barger stated that he would not be at the DRC meeting on July 14, 2015.

Chair Webb stated that at the next meeting on June 23, 2015 the Commission would have to have elections for a Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Levesque agreed the Commission could elect these positions.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame, Administrative Asst. II
Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director
