

**Minutes of the**

**Development Review Commission**

**Study Session**

**January 23, 2018**

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**Minutes of the Study Session of the Development Review Commission, of the City of Tempe, which was held in Council Chambers,**

**31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona**

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| Present: | City Staff Present: |
| Chair Linda Spears | Ryan Levesque – Comm. Dev. Deputy Director-Planning |
| Vice Chair David Lyon | Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner |
| Commissioner Michael DiDomenico | Obenia Kingsby, Planner II |
| Commissioner Thomas Brown | Cynthia Jarrad, Administrative Assistant |
| Commissioner Philip Amorosi |  |
| Commissioner Andrew Johnson |  |
| Alternate Commissioner Nicholas Labadie |  |
| Absent: |  |
| Commissioner Scott Sumners |  |
| Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd |  |
| Alternate Commissioner Angela Thornton |  |

**Chair Linda Spears began the Study Session at 5:31 p.m.**

**Review of January 9, 2018 Minutes**

Item #1 - Study Session Minutes, January 9, 2018

Item #2 – Regular Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2018

**Review of January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Item #3 – pulled from the agenda, scheduled for 2/13/18 DRC meeting

Item #4 – University Lofts (PL170395) – to be heard

Item #5 - The Hayden (PL170281) – to be heard

**Project Update by Staff (City Council Action Items)**: Mr. Ryan Levesque informed Commission members that City Council had approved the appeal of the DRC’s denial of The Muse at the City Council’s January 18, 2018 meeting. The Park Place and Alliance Broadstone Rio Salado projects also had their first hearings at that same meeting.

**Announcements:** Ms. Dasgupta reviewed the Agenda review for the next meeting, scheduled for February 13, 2018. There are currently five projects on the agenda.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Levesque briefly spoke to the Commission members, inquiring if they would be receptive to receiving their packets on mobile electronic devices (tablets), in lieu of the paper packets that are currently utilized. If

budget allows, the City would like to do this in the near future. The members were all in agreement that this would be a welcome change. Ms.Dasgupta then updated the Commission on several things, including the changes to processes made since the DRC retreat in September of 2017. Communications or questions from one member are now forwarded to all members, Commissioners are receiving a Council update at each Study Session, Staff Reports have been changed to highlight non-standard conditions so they can be quickly identified by the Commission. She also stated there would be some additional changes to the reports coming soon, as the department has now implemented new activity codes for more specific tracking of projects. The Commission will begin seeing these new activity types in the very near future.

**The Study Session adjourned at 5:57 p.m.**

Prepared by: Cynthia Jarrad



Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta

Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner