

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
JULY 20, 2017
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Stephen Haase called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Chairperson Stephen Haase adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Stephen Haase – present
Vice-Chairperson Sue Peerson – present / left at 11:08 a.m.
Commissioner James Whalen – present
Commissioner Douglas Austin – present / left at 9:29 a.m.
Commissioner William Hofman – present
Commissioner Granowitz – present
Dennis Otsuji – present / left at 11:51 a.m.

Staff

Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present
Laura Black, Planning Department – present
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present
Tony Khalil, Development Services Department – present
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM-1: **PODIUM 93 COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT INITIATION – PROJECT NO. 540304**

City Council District: 1

Plan Area: University

Staff: Dan Monroe

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Neil Hytinen.

No speaker slips in opposition to the project were submitted.

COMMISSION ACTION:

CONSENT MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOFMAN TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO INITIATE THE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS. Seconded by Commissioner Peerson. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Haase, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Peerson, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ITEM #4 - SPRINT DOYLE PARK – PROJECT NO. 473394 was placed on the Consent Agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Tomlinson, Assistant Director announced that the Planning Department is hosting a Workshop on the Kearny Mesa Community Plan Update to be held on July 27th from 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm located in Kearny Mesa, Topaz Way at the Metropolitan Operations Center. This information is also available on the website and he encouraged everyone to attend. Also, the Planning Department will be presenting three items at the City Council next Monday at 1 p.m., which is a Special Hearing time. These items are related to Housing; one is the Companion Units and the other is the Expedite Program. In addition, Jeff Murphy is providing an overview on the Housing SD Initiatives that is coming out from the Mayor's Office; Jeff is extending the invitation if the Planning Commission would like to hear the overview. Tom Tomlinson was very pleased to announce that Laura Black has accepted the position of Deputy Director in the Long Range Planning Division. He mentioned that

today, Laura will be sitting on Planning Commission Meeting for the first time and will be available for questions.

Laura Black, Deputy Director commented that she is very excited to be in this role and would like to give a little background information about herself. She's been with the City a little bit over 15 years; she started as an Associate Planner, preparing CEQA documents, moved up in ranks to DPM presenting projects before the Planning Commission and to the City Council within the Development Services Department; and she was also in the CDBG Division for a few years working on the HUD Funding for the CDBG Program in the Economic Development Division. Then she returned to the Development Services Department working on the Affordable Expedite Program. The most recent position she held was a Program Manager within the Engineering Division of the Development Services Department. She is pleased to be a part of the Planning Department team; she is excited about what they'll be able to do and looking forward to enjoy working with the Planning Commission.

PJ FitzGerald would like to make a note of a milestone in the Development Services Department's history. Development Services was born over 20 years ago, with the idea that the City could provide a better customer service, a more coordinated review of a development proposals. She stated that if they co-located, development already functions and staff under the single umbrella department and that's when Development Services was created. At that time, a concept was also established that there should be a formalized Project Management Team who would function as the single point of contact for customers and staff, and endorse a team approach to providing information, schedule a conflict resolution for some complicated development process. And that's how the Project Management Division was born. She would like to acknowledge the staff, past and present, including the many pioneers in this effort who launched the program and had helped the department to grow and be successful. She acknowledged Commissioner Haase, who was also one of the original leadership team members as the former Assistant Director of the Development Services. She just wants to acknowledge the 20th year Anniversary; cheers to the Project Management Team and many more.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Haase commented that he would like to take up the Planning Department Director regarding a briefing or brief workshop on the Housing items. He stated that Housing is an important issue for this Commission and anything that they have to help with their decision making will be great. He requested the staff to schedule something up in the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 27, 2017

COMMISSIONER WHALEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 27, 2017 WITH CORRECTION UNDER THE ATTENDANCE FOR COMMISSIONER PEERSON, SHOULD SAY PRESENT INSTEAD OF ABSENT. Seconded by Commissioner Peerson. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Haase, Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Peerson, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea.

DISCUSSION ITEMSITEM-2: ***Appeal of Hearing Officer's decision on May 24, 2017*****CDRS COOPERATIVE – PROJECT NO. 514308**

City Council District: 7

Plan Area: Mission Valley

Staff: Firouzeh Tirandazi

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Jim Bartell, Gina Austin, Andy Schlaefli, Flavia Gomes, Michael Morton, Saul Valladaves, Judd Henkes, Carlos Gonzalez, Ben Peterson, Tiffany Knopf, Adam Knopf, Dina Goldberg, Eric Goldberg, Brittany Cohen, Richard Andrews, Tami Leetham, Andy Lambert, Tami Ratliff and Marina Welb.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Pastor Louis Wilburn, Keenan Holmes, Yvonne Pryor-Anderson, Jordan Wilburn, Samuel Whitley, Dareen Wilburn, Cynthia Morgan, James Lawson, Jon Hamby, Jacqueline A. Osborne, Howard Fung, Dessa Rather, Jorge Hernandez, Louis Wilburn Jr., Jessica McElfresh, Steve LaMarca, Diane Rapp, Susan Wilcox, Kathleen Lippitt and Stan Smith.

COMMISSION ACTION:

COMMISSIONER PEERSON MADE THE MOTION TO UPHOLD THE APPEAL, REVERSE THE HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION, AND APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 1810030. Seconded by Commissioner Hofman. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioners Haase, Hofman, Granowitz, Peerson, Otsuji and Whalen voting yea and with Commissioner Austin recusing.

Break: 10:53 a.m. – 11:08 a.m.ITEM-3: ***Appeal of Hearing Officer's decision on May 24, 2017*****STONE AGE FARMACY – PROJECT NO. 510523**

City Council District: 7

Plan Area: Mission Valley

Staff: Firouzeh Tirandazi

Speaker slips in favor of the project submitted by Gina Austin, Marcela Escobar-Eck, Alan Austin, Jeffrey Leitch, Marguerite Leitch, Shauna Paniagua, Courtney Stein, Helina Beck, Hayla Beck, Michael Blazerich, Tami Ratliffe, Tami Leetham, Richard Andrews, Jeannette Temple and Brittany Cohen.

Speaker slips in opposition to the project submitted by Wade Aschbrenner, Spencer Andrews, Lynne Alipio, Jim Arnone, Wes Jones, Clif Williams, Jennifer Rey, Gabriel Lopez, Michael Hanna, Stephanie Stall, Geoff Stample, Amanda Orozco, Arayna Sheard, Jay

