



## MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on May 9, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Alvey, Vice Chair Podeswik, Commissioners Hottel, Newland, Tetlow, and Torpey. Commissioner Kanavel was absent.

Staff members present were Director of Community Development Kerry Kusiak, Associate Planner Howard Lee, Contract Planner Emery Papp, and Assistant City Attorney Gregory Lusitana.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Item 2. Chairman Alvey gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Deletions from the Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the Next  
Agenda - None

Item 4. Public Discussion and Audience Participation - None

Item 5. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings.

Commissioner Tetlow read the procedures for public hearings.

### Item 6. HEARINGS

**6a. V 18-02 (Rehouse LLC)** – Consideration of a variance to reduce the front building setbacks to construct a residential duplex on a vacant property on High Street at Waite Drive, in the R3 (Multiple Family Residential) zone.

Mr. Lee presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- o Damien Roman - Applicant

Those in opposition:

- o None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Variance V 18-02 and the incorporation of the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Chairman Alvey. Motion carried with 4 in favor (Alvey, Newland, Torpey, Tetlow), 2 opposed (Hottel, Podeswik) and 1 absent (Kanavel).

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

**6b. CUP 17-17 (Smoke Signals, Inc.) – Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary within an existing commercial building at 8300 Center Street, in the C (General Commercial) zone**

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- o Gina Austin – Representing the applicant

Those in opposition:

- o None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit 17-17 and the draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Podeswik. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Kanavel was absent.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

**6c. Conditional Use Permit, Special Permit, and Site Development Plan 2017-12 CUP SP DAB (Center Street) – Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit, Special**

Permit, and Site Development Plan to demolish an existing structure and build a new 14,490 square-foot two-story industrial building for the purpose of medical marijuana cultivation on a 14,987 square-foot site located at 8126 Center Street in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Those in favor:

- o Roy Davies - Architect

Those in opposition:

- o None

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit, Special Permit and Site Development Plan 2017-12 CUP SP DAB (CUP 17-23) with an additional condition confirming that the property does not have the potential to be a historic property. The motion was seconded by Chairman Alvey. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Kanavel was absent.

Mr. Kusiak read the appeal procedures into the record.

## Item 7. BUSINESS

7a. Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Torpey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Podeswik). Commissioner Kanavel was absent.

7b. Assignment of next invocation: Invocation –Tetlow  
Procedural Rules – Hottel

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Davis  
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