CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION
Video Conference

July 14, 2020

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Weiler, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Stan Weiler, Acting Chair (Chair); Katharine Barba, Commissioner; Dao Doan, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner (Vice-Chair); James McNair, Commissioner, Rick Paul Commissioner; and Ingrid Rainey, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: – None.

Staff present: Adam Finestone, Principal Planner; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Darren Parker, Associate Planner; and Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk.

SELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR:

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Barba to nominate Commissioner Weiler as Chair, Motion carried. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Garcia, McNair, Paul, Rainey, and Weiler. (7-0)

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner McNair and seconded by Chair Weiler to nominate Commissioner Garcia as Vice-Chair, Motion carried. Ayes: Garcia, McNair, Paul, and Weiler. Noes: Barba, Doan, and Rainey. (4-3-0)

MINUTES:

Moved by Chair Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Barba to approve the Action Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: – Received.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – PHG 19-0058:

REQUEST: A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the demolition of the former Coco’s restaurant and construction of a new 3,881 S.F. Raising Canes drive-through restaurant with 505 S.F. of outdoor dining area. Street improvements are proposed across the project frontage to provide a westbound transition lane into the project. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The proposed drive-through restaurant would be located within an approximately 0.95-acre parcel towards the northeastern corner of W. Valley Parkway and Lambar Street, west of Interstate 15, east of Auto Park Way, addressed as 1280 W. Valley Parkway (APN 232-141-45).

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The project is Categorically Exempt in conformance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15332, “In-Fill Development Projects.”

PUBLIC SPEAKERS (SUBMITTED PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS)

Kristen Roberts, project applicant provided a presentation.
Jamie Townsend, submitted comments in favor of the project.
James Lund, submitted comments in favor of the project.
David Waite, submitted comments in favor of the project.
J. Barry Baker, submitted comments in favor of the project.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion by Chairman Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Rainey to approve with staff’s recommended modification to Engineering – Street Improvements and Traffic Condition #2. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
CURRENT BUSINESS: – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner James McNair thanked the City and submitted his resignation effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in the City Council Chambers via video conference, 201 North Broadway Escondido, California.

Adam Finestone, Acting Secretary to the Escondido Planning Commission

Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk