

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION

September 24, 2019

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

Commissioners present: James Spann, Chairman; Michael Cohen, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; James McNair, Commissioner; Mark Watson, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Don Romo, Vice-Chair.

Staff present: Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Adam Phillips, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the Action Minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously; Vice Chair Romo was absent (6-0-0).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT – PHG 19-0023:

REQUEST: Amendment to the East Grove Specific Plan to modify the development standards associated with a trail section immediately adjacent and parallel to Hidden Trails Road to allow for a variety of trail improvements and/or conversion to landscaping or open space.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The East Grove Specific Plan is generally located along the eastern edge of the city, with Valley Center Road to the north.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:Exemption under the General Rule, CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval by the City Council

Commissioner McNair Recused himself

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Lindsay Stone**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Mary Lytch**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Kevin Patrick**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Elizabeth Murphy**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Charlotte Kutilek**, spoke in favor of the project.
- John Thomson**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Atwood Lynn**, spoke in favor of the project.
- Steven Donovan**, spoke in favor of the project.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Chairman Spann, seconded by Commissioner Watson to recommend City Council approval. Motion carried unanimously; Ayes: Cohen, Garcia, Spann, Watson and Weiler; Commissioner McNair recused himself; and Commissioner Romo was absent (5-0).

2. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – AZ 19-0004 and PHG 19-0047:

REQUEST: A request for an Amendment to the Zoning Code to review and update the list of permitted and conditionally permitted animals and pets for all residential zones, in conjunction with a proposal for a Conditional Use Permit to allow two (2) alpacas on an existing residential lot located at 2050 Miller Avenue. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The proposed Zoning Code Amendment would affect residential properties citywide. The proposed Conditional Use Permit is specific for 0.70-acres of property located at 2050 Miller Avenue (APN 236-352-11-00).

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exemption under the General Rule, CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval by the City Council

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Kelly Thor, applicant, presented her proposal.

Eric Danell, spoke in favor of the project.

John Valdez, spoke in favor of the project.

Brian Clague, spoke in opposition to the project.

Ryan Jimenez, spoke in favor of the project.

Matheno Landers, spoke in favor of the project.

Stan Stark, spoke in favor of the project.

Nancy Burnham, spoke in favor of the project.

Mike Hinton, spoke in favor of the project.

Gary Peters, spoke in favor of the project.

Terry Williams, spoke in favor of the project.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to recommend City Council approval. Motion carried unanimously; Commissioner Romo was absent (6-0).

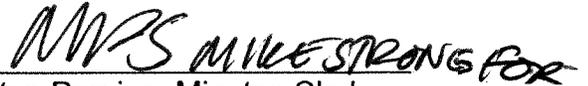
CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Spann adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway Escondido, California.



Mike Strong, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission



Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk