AGENDA

PLANNING COMMISSION

201 North Broadway
City Hall Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMED
May 28, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Cohen, Garcia, McNair, Romo, Spann, Watson and Weiler

D. MINUTES: 04/23/19 APPROVED 7-0-0

The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Planning Commission on any item of interest to the public before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please fill out a speaker's slip and give it to the minutes clerk who will forward it to the chairman.

Electronic Media: Electronic media which members of the public wish to be used during any public comment period should be submitted to the Planning Division at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at which it is to be shown.

The electronic media will be subject to a virus scan and must be compatible with the City’s existing system. The media must be labeled with the name of the speaker, the comment period during which the media is to be played and contact information for the person presenting the media.

The time necessary to present any electronic media is considered part of the maximum time limit provided to speakers. City staff will queue the electronic information when the public member is called upon to speak. Materials shown to the Commission during the meeting are part of the public record and may be retained by the City.

The City of Escondido is not responsible for the content of any material presented, and the presentation and content of electronic media shall be subject to the same responsibilities regarding decorum and presentation as are applicable to live presentations.

If you wish to speak concerning an item not on the agenda, you may do so under “Oral Communications” which is listed at the beginning and end of the agenda. All persons addressing the Planning Commission are asked to state their names for the public record.

Availability of supplemental materials after agenda posting: any supplemental writings or documents provided to the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Planning Division located at 201 N. Broadway during normal business hours, or in the Council Chambers while the meeting is in session.

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The Planning Division is the coordinating division for the Planning Commission.
For information, call (760) 839-4671.
E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

"Under State law, all items under Written Communications can have no action, and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda."

1. Future Neighborhood Meetings

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to 3 minutes.

1. MASTER AND PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A 127-UNIT MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN – PHG 19-0010:

REQUEST: A Master and Precise Development Plan to construct a 187,808 square foot, five-story mixed-use structure within the Historic District of the Downtown Specific Plan containing 127 apartment units, 1,175 sf of commercial space, underground parking, recreation areas for residents, and adjacent street improvements. The project will provide studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units ranging in size from 550 sf to 995 sf and 157 garage spaces including 26 tandem spaces. Public and guest parking spaces will be constructed on E. 2nd Avenue, Ivy Street and E. 3rd Avenue. Zoning provisions allow 76 units at the site. The request includes a Density Bonus of 35% or 27 units (including 9 units for Very Low Income households) for providing affordable housing and a 24-unit increase allocated from the Density Transfer Program for the Downtown Specific Plan area through a Development Agreement. The project also includes a request to adopt a Class 32 Exemption in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The 1.002 acre site is located between East 2nd Avenue and East 3rd Avenue bordering on South Ivy Street addressed as 343 E. 2nd Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exempt pursuant to a CEQA Section 15332, Class 32 In-fill development project prepared by Harris & Associates, February 2019.

APPLICANT: Touchstone Communities

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSION ACTION: APPROVED 7-0-0 with the changes to the Conditions of Approval as recommended by staff.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: To be determined.

Reso. No. 2019-09
2. **ZONING CODE AND SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS – AZ 18-0006:**

   REQUEST: A Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendment to various sections of the Zoning Code and Specific Plans. In 2018, the City Council initiated a planning process to address various nonresidential land uses that tend to negatively impact surrounding properties. The overall work program, called the “Zoning Code and Land Use Study,” was created to comprehensively examine the degree to which various land use activities are permitted within each zoning district. With the study complete, the results have been compiled into a draft ordinance, involving a series of Escondido Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendments. Most of the proposed amendments consist of changes to Articles 1, 16, 26, 56, and 57 of the Escondido Zoning Code; and the land use tables of the Downtown, East Valley, and South Centre City Specific Plans. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

   PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

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

   APPLICANT: City of Escondido

   STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

   COMMISSION ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0-0 with directions to staff to return with options on how to regulate thrift stores within the Downtown Specific Plan.**

   PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: To be determined.  
   Reso. No. 2019-10

H. **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

   Note: Current Business items are those which under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.

I. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

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J. **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**

K. **ADJOURNMENT** at 9:17 p.m. The June 11, 2019 Planning Commission meeting is canceled. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in the City Council Chambers 201 N. Broadway Escondido, CA 92025.