CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION

October 25, 2022

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice-Chair Paul, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Rick Paul, Vice-Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Katharine Barba, Chair; Dao Doan, Commissioner.

Staff present: Adam Finestone, City Planner; Dare Delano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Veronica Morones, Principal Planner; Ivan Flores, Associate Planner; Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Barber and seconded by Commissioner Weiler, to approve the Action Minutes of the September 27, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried (5-0). Ayes: Paul, Barber, Mecaro, Speer and Weiler. Absent: Barba and Doan.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. PL22-0139 - Bear Valley Precise Development Plan

REQUEST: A request for a Precise Development Plan for architecture, plotting, and landscape design for an approved Master Development Plan ("661 Bear Valley Parkway").

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: 40.63 acres located on the east side of Bear Valley Parkway between Sunset Drive and Choya Canyon Road, addressed as 661 Bear Valley Parkway (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 237-131-01-00 and 237-131-02-00)

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Environmental Impact Report Previously

Certified

APPLICANT: Trumark Companies

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSION ACTION: Voted 5-0 to approve.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: N/A

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the project including setback requirements, Master Plan requirements, and enhancements for all street facing elevations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: William Cox provided comments in opposition to the landscaping plans.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler and seconded by Commissioner Barber, to approve PL22-0139. Motion carries (5-0). Ayes: Barber, Mecaro, Paul, Speer and Weiler.

Absent: Barba and Doan

2. PL22-0540 - Pacific Avenue Street Vacation

REQUEST: A request to vacate a portion of a public street identified as Pacific Avenue

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PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: 9,438 square feet (0.22 acres) located west of Vine Street, at the terminus of W. 5th Avenue, between 445 and 501 Vine Street (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 232-301-18-00 and 232-260-02-00)

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations)

APPLICANT: Mr. Mo Curcic

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSION ACTION: Voted 5-0 to approve.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: November 16, 2022

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the project including the utility easement and property setbacks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Speer and seconded by Commissioner Mecaro, to approve PL22-0540. Motion carries (5-0). Ayes: Barber, Mecaro, Paul, Speer and Weiler.

Absent: Barba and Doan

3. PL 22-0503 – General Plan Annual Progress Report

REQUEST: Review and receive the General Plan Annual Progress Report for the 2021 calendar year

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Not a project under CEQA

APPLICANT: Development Services Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

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PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE:

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the General Plan Annual Progress Report.

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION ACTION: None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Speer moved to add the discussion of items on the work plan to a future agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Mecaro.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: None.

CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:

City Planner Adam Finestone updated the Commissioners that there would be two items on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for November 8, 2022, and reminded Commissioners of the major project dashboard located on the City website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Speer. Vice-Chair Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Adam Finestone, Secretary to the Escondido Planning Commission

Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk