



Town of Paradise Valley

6401 E Lincoln Dr
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Minutes - Final

Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strom called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Attorney Andrew M. Miller
Community Development Director Eva Cutro
Senior Planner Paul Michaud
Planner George Burton

Present 7 - Chairperson Dolf Strom
Commissioner Thomas G. Campbell
Commissioner Richard K. Mahrle
Commissioner Scott Moore
Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright
Commissioner Daran Wastchak
Commissioner Jeff Wincel

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

4. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

- A. [16-223](#) Discussion of a proposed monument sign along McDonald Drive at Valley Presbyterian Church
Minor Special Use Permit Amendment (SUP 16-01)
6947 E McDonald Drive

Paul Michaud presented the application in accordance with the action report packet.

Commissioner Moore asked Mr. Michaud to clarify which sign elevation option the applicant has chosen. He replied Concept #5A, the taller sign.

Commissioner Mahrle asked about the visibility triangle. Mr. Michaud reviewed the signed and sealed documentation provided by the applicant's engineer.

Commissioner Campbell inquired whether the informal no left turn sign located at the end of the subject driveway can be removed from the right-of-way and added onto the new proposed stop sign pole. Mr. Miller suggested included a painted white line parallel to the new stop sign. The applicant, Brandon Fox, Building and Maintenance Manager for Valley Presbyterian, stated this is reasonable.

Commissioner Moore asked if the existing sign at the corner will be removed. The applicant replied no.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the informational portion of the sign and whether the sign will be illuminated. The applicant replied no.

Commissioner Wastchak inquired about the visibility of the sign from vehicular traffic due to the existing electric boxes. The visibility of the sign and the proximity of the existing utility boxes were discussed. Brandon Fox addressed the various worship service times and circulation. He also explained that the location of sign is placed such that the existing mature landscaping can remain in place.

No Reportable Action

B. [16-225](#) Discussion on Quality of Life Initiatives

Lighting

Eva Cutro presented the draft code updates for the sign lighting regulations in accordance with the action report packet.

Discussion included the definition of the sign area and the lighting of the panel of a sign. Commissioner Wincel asked if the Town ever considered not allowing signs to be illuminated. Eva Cutro noted prohibiting illumination of signs would make most of the existing signs nonconforming. The general consensus of the Planning Commission was to allow illumination of sign after discussion of this point.

Chairman Strom suggested including a definition of what is an associated establishment.

There was discussion on whether a subdivision sign should be turned off at certain times. The general consensus of the Planning Commission was that a subdivision is open 24/7 and should not have specific hours to shut off any approved lights for the sign.

Chairman Strom suggested removing the term "indirect" and just label this

term as “external” lighting.

There was discussion on whether to include color and Kelvins in the code. The Planning Commission directed staff to do further research on color and Kelvins. Commissioner Wincel asked staff to look into how such a provision would be enforced and how the Town would measure Kelvins.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Paul Michaud reviewed the latest progress on the plan process. He stated work has begun in collecting existing information and finalizing the public engagement plan. He discussed the role of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He explained that an on-line community survey will be drafted to allow residents and other stakeholders to share their ideas on making the Town better for bicycling and walking. He told the Planning Commission that on Saturday, August 13, 2016 there is a planned short bicycle ride or walking tour for stakeholders at 6:30 .a.m. to identify first hand any issues and opportunities, with a more structured input session following this ride/walk.

Other Quality of Life items

Eva Cutro presented the visually significant corridors update.

On noise, Chairman Strom and Commissioner Campbell stated hillside construction start times should be the same start time as a flat land lot. Ms. Cutro added that the hillside start times are done by stipulation through the Hillside Building Committee, with a likely later start time as a means to limit the impact of echoes in the hillside.

Regarding the sign code, Ms. Cutro stated she would look at the standards and process, making any necessary changes.

No Reportable Action

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. [16-224](#) Approval of May 17, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Wainwright, to approve the minutes with amending the 110-year assured water supply references on page 2 to 100-year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Strom, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Mahrle, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Wainwright, Commissioner Wastchak and Commissioner Wincel

8. STAFF REPORTS

None

9. PUBLIC BODY REPORTS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Michaud reviewed the future agenda items. He noted that the only scheduled item for July 5, 2016 is the Quality of Life items. The Planning Commission stated that id there are no other items to cancel the first Planning Commission meeting in July 2016.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Wainwright, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Strom, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Mahrle, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Wainwright, Commissioner Wastchak and Commissioner Wincel

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By: 
Eva Cutro, Secretary