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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday January 8, 2025
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Room 407, City Hall, 1 East Franklin Street
 Attendance:

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
Christina Davis, Chairperson	X		
James W. Stone, Vice Chairperson			X
Judy Wheeler	X		
Ronald Thomas	X		
Tamara Martinez	X		
Vacant			
Sean Flaherty, Ex Officio			X
Staff			
K. Maher, Director, PCAD			X
S. Bockmiller, Development Review Planner and Zoning Administrator	X		
J. Wu, Planner	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

Call to Order and Instruction from the Chair –

The Chair called the Public Review Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Review Meeting –

ZT- 2024-03- PUD-R Indoor Plant Cultivation & Processing Facilities

This proposal was requested by the City's economic development staff on behalf of a business prospect. The request is to allow indoor plant cultivation and processing facilities over 25,000 square feet in the PUD-R (Planned Unit Development - Regional) Overlay Zoning District by right. Currently, they are permitted only up to 25,000 square feet in area.

It also proposes to retain in the Code the existing provision that such facilities under 25,000 square feet are permitted by right. This provision was proposed to be removed as part of the 2024 text amendment package.

The proposal containing this change and other cannabis-related changes will be removed from the 2024 package and heard by the Mayor and City Council separately in conjunction with the proposals that may result from this hearing. Due to the welcoming of new council members resulting from the election, the Mayor and Council will hold a new public hearing on the 2024 package at the end of January (minus the proposal dealing with this and similar uses) before deciding what to adopt.

Using the standard amendment format staff use, the current proposal is formatted to the current ordinance as it exists at this time. Changes proposed in the 2024 package related to this issue are not reflected in this proposal.

No one appeared at this Public Review Meeting to provide comments.

The Commission did not have any questions or comments.

Motion – Ms. Wheeler made a motion to leave the record open for ten days. Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

The Public Review Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

Call to Order of the Regular Meeting –

Approval of Minutes –

None.

Consent Agenda –

None.

Development Review –

None.

Workshops –

None.

New Business –

Text Amendment discussion for POM to be more flexible on commercial.

Fred Frederick, Frederick, Seibert and Associates and Tim Lung, a private contractor, was present in support of the Text Amendment proposal.

The Commission was in favor of this Text Amendment proposal.

Old Business –

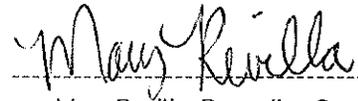
The Commission requested staff create a memo showing support of the Orchard Hills proposed site plan.

Announcements –

None.

Adjourn –

Ms. Wheeler moved to adjourn, and Mr. Thomas seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary
Approved
3-26-25