City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes

Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
at City Hall
300 E Superstition Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ
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Tuesday, January 22, 2019 **7:00 PM** **City Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

Chair Nesser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Nesser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chairperson Nesser
Vice Chair McGraw
Commissioner Heck
Commissioner Howard
Commissioner Kridler
Commissioner Ooley

Staff present:
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director
Rudy Esquivias, Senior Planner
Kelsey Schattnik, Planning Intern

4. Approval of Agenda

19-001 Consideration of approval of agenda.

Chair Nesser called for a motion.

Vice Chair Heck motioned, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Planning and Zoning Commission accept the agenda as presented. Approved in a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Nesser, Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kidler, Ooley. No: none.)

5. Approval of Minutes

19-002 Consideration of approval of meeting minutes of January 8, 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission joint meeting.

Chair Nesser called for a motion.

Vice Chair Heck motioned, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve the minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Kridler expressed his displeasure over the lack of detailed description in the minutes.

Approved in a vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed. (Yes: Howard, Heck, McGraw, Ooley, Nesser. No: Kridler.)

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

19-003 Election of chair and vice chair.

Chair Nesser called for a motion to open the nominations for the 2019 chair.

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Kridler, to open the nominations for the chair and vice chair. Approved in vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Ooley, Nesser, Howard. No: none.)

Chair Nesser opened the nominations for the 2019 chair.

Vice Chair Heck nominated Theresa Nesser for the chair.

Chair Nesser called for other nominations three times.

Chair Nesser called for a motion to close the nominations for the 2019 chair.

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Ooley, to close the nominations for the chair. Approved in vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: McGraw, Kridler, Ooley, Nesser, Howard, Heck. No: none.)

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Ooley, that Tess Nesser be accepted as chair of the commission. Approved in vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Ooley, Nesser, Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kridler. No: none.)

Chair Nesser called for a motion to open nominations for vice chair.

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Ooley, that the nominations be opened for vice chair. Approved in vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Nesser, Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Ooley. No: none.)

Chair Nesser called for nominations.

Commissioner Kridler nominated Commissioner McGraw for vice chair.

Commissioner Ooley nominated Vice Chair Heck for vice chair.

Chair Nesser called for other nominations three times.

Chair Nesser called for a motion to close the nominations.

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Ooley, to close the nominations for vice chair. Approved in vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Ooley, Nesser. No: none.)

Chair Nesser called for a motion on the first nomination.

Vice Chair Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Kridler, that the vote take place for the first nominee, Michael McGraw. Approved in vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed. (Yes: Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Nesser, Howard. No: Ooley.)

Commissioner Kridler moved, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, to close the voting for vice chair. Approved in a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Ooley, Nesser, Howard. No: none.)

The commission and staff discussed how to have a reconsideration of the vice chair vote.

19-005 Presentation and discussion on conflicts of interest, open meeting law, public record law and parliamentary procedures by the city attorney.

City Attorney Stern gave a presentation on parliamentary procedure, conflicts of interest, open meeting law, public record law.

19-006 Presentation, discussion and direction to staff on proposed request for a city initiated rezoning of 1630 W. Apache Trail, Parcel #101-02-0620.

Kelsey Schattnick, Planning Intern, gave a presentation on staff's request for a city initiated rezoning of 1630 W. Apache Trail, Parcel #101-02-0620.

The commission and staff discussed that B2 means business in the downtown area and PD means planned development overlay which is usually intended for site and building flexibility.

The commission and staff discussed that there are still several parcels in the area with older zoning designations and there is no plan at this time for staff to update them.

The commission and staff discussed that the property owner negotiated with city staff that the billboard will be removed with the change in the zoning designation.

Commissioner Heck moved, seconded by Commissionor Ooley, that the Planning and Zoning Commission direct staff to initiate a rezoning of Prickly Pear RV Park, located at 1630 W. Apache Trail from Recreational Vehicle Park to Old West Commercial by Planned Development which is B2/PD. Approved in a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: McGraw, Kridler, Ooley, Nesser, Howard, Heck. No: none.)

9. Information and Reports

None.

10. Director's Report

19-004 Update on General Plan.

Director Kirch gave a presentation on the General Plan.

11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

Commissioner Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to reconsider the vote for the vice chair position to assure that all members of the commission that they clearly understand the procedure before voting. Approved in a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. (Yes: Ooley, Nesser, Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kridler. No: none.)

Commissioner Heck moved, seconded by Commissioner Ooley, that the Planning and Zoning Commission hold a regular meeting on February 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Approved in a vote of 6 in favor and 0 approved. (Yes: Nesser, Howard, Heck, McGraw, Kridler, Ooley. No: none.)

12. Adjournment

Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Theresa Nesser
Chairperson