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## Legal Action Report – Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT** Design Review Board (DRB)

Members of the Design Review Board (DRB) held a meeting, which was open to the public on:

**Date and Time: Friday December 18, 2020, 7:30 a.m.**

**Location: Meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams**

### AGENDA

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| <b>1. Call to Order / Roll Call</b> | <b>7:35 AM</b> |
| Rosemary Bright                     | Present        |
| Susannah Dickinson                  | Present        |
| Caryl Clement                       | Present        |
| Nathan Kappler                      | Present        |
| Chris Stebe                         | Present        |

**A quorum was established.**

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| <b>2. Review and Approval of the 12/4/2020 LAR and Meeting Minutes</b>  | <b>Action Taken</b> |
| Motion was made by Member Bright to approve the LAR and Draft Minutes of December 4, 2020 as submitted, duly seconded by Member Stebe. All in favor. Motion passed. |                     |

- 3. Call to the Audience**  
No Speakers

- 4. Case # DRB-20-09 / SE-20-10 – T-Mobile Wireless Communication Monopole and Associated Ground Equipment – Special Exception Request**  
**Rio Nuevo (RNA) Review**  
**1538 W Prince Rd, Parcel # [10609033E](#)**  
**Associated Activity #: [T20SE00010](#)**  
**C-2 Zoning**

**Continued**

Staff indicated this project was reviewed by the DRB on December 4, 2020, finding the proposed artificial elm tree does not help disguise the antennas, becoming more intrusive with the skyline in the area, and continued this case, asking the applicant to return to the DRB with a revised application that includes simulations of the monopole, with no camouflage, at full built out, with views from different directions, presenting two options for a lighter color treatment from the Natina color scale, staying away from the lightest color tone. Staff also informed the DRB the applicant provided new materials as requested by the

DRB, indicating the Natina manufacturer clarified that only the darker tones can be used in the monopole, and the lighter tones can be used only in concrete structures.

Staff reminded the DRB that the Zoning Examiner forwarded the Special Exception request to the DRB on November 5, 2020, for design review and recommendation, applying the following design standard for wireless communication antennas, as specified in UDC Section 4.9.4.1.6.b(1):

*The antennas are mounted on a new tower and the tower and antennas are concealed or disguised, or the antennas are collocated on an existing structure.*

The applicant presented the new simulations of the monopole with all the potential array antennas that can be accommodated, with the darker Natina colors. Staff provided the following clarification:

- 1) For UDC Section 4.9.4.1.6.b(1), painting of the steel monopole of a rust color, with all antennas, mounts and associated tower equipment painted to match pole color, is considered a method of concealing or disguising a tower, as provided in UDC Section 4.9.4.1.5.a, which reads: "The antennas are mounted on or within a new tower or structure in a manner that conceals or disguises the antennas or new tower. For purposes of this subsection, painting may be a method of concealing or disguising a tower".

Motion was made by Member Bright to recommend to the Zoning Examiner denial, finding the project not concealed or disguised, hence not in compliance with the design standard set forth in UDC Section 4.9.4.1.6.b(1); however, if asked for an opinion, the monopole is preferred versus the monoelm. The motion was duly seconded by Member Stebe. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Case # [RNA-DRB-20-10 \(T20SA00372\)](#) – La Placita Park Improvements**

**Associated Development Package: [DP20-0143](#)**

**Rio Nuevo (RNA) Review**

**100 S Church Av, Parcel # 11720016H**

**OCR-2 Zoning**

**Action**

Staff introduced the project and the applicant presented and clarified the following items in response to DRB members' questions:

- 1) Rhus lancea trees will be removed from the site;
- 2) Plant material around the perimeter will not impact visibility to and from the park;
- 3) Had originally proposed to restore the turf on site, but the Department of Parks and Recreation indicated artificial grass is a better long-term alternative for maintenance purposes; also the Landscape Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima Historical Commission supported the use of artificial grass;
- 4) Provision of reclaimed water is not feasible, due to the location of the retaining wall on site;
- 5) ADA accessible picnic tables and passive seating areas are being provided.

Motion was made by Member Bright to recommend approval of the project, as presented by the applicant, finding the project in compliance with the criteria established in UDC Sections 5.12.7.C and 5.12.7.D. The motion was duly seconded by Member Stebe, passed by a voice vote of 4-1, with Member Clement voting against.

**6. Staff Announcements**

**Informational**

Staff informed the DRB of upcoming informational meeting about the TCC restoration project of the Eckbo plaza and walkway.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 AM.