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Legal Action Report – Meeting Minutes 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 May 21, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams

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| 1. Call to Order / Roll Call | 7:34 AM |
| Rosemary Bright | Present |
| Susannah Dickinson | Absent |
| Caryl Clement | Present |
| Nathan Kappler | Present |
| Chris Stebe | Present |

A quorum was established.

- 2. Review and Approval of the 5/7/2021 LAR and Meeting Minutes** **Action Taken**
Motion was made by Member Clement to approve the LAR and draft minutes of May 7, 2021, as long as the LAR is revised to indicate Clement was absent. Motion was duly seconded by Member Bright. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- 3. Call to the Audience**
No Speakers
- 4. Case # DRB-21-03 / SE-20-16 ([T21SE00006](#)) New TEP Patriot Substation – Special Exception Request**
6980 E Escalante Rd, Parcel # [136270010](#) **Action Taken**
SR Zoning

Staff introduced and the applicant presented the project, providing the following clarifications in response to questions posed by the DRB:

- 1) Passive water harvesting basins along the northern boundary and southeast corner area could be provided;
- 2) Cottonwood trees seem to be transitioning to be more drought tolerant;
- 3) Irrigation system will use reclaimed water; there are four watering zones for trees and shrubs;
- 4) Vegetation on site will be irrigated and include larger (4-6 inch) basin depressions in areas with dense shrub material; could create one continuous water harvesting basin rather than individual basins for trees and shrubs;
- 5) Lighting masts will be located in the center of the site, 65 feet tall, with brushed galvanized finish, non-reflective; masts are as low as they can be meeting federal standards; could explore the possibility of a call to artists;

- 6) Perimeter wall is 12-feet high; and
- 7) Can explore with the City's Department of Transportation and Mobility and with the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base opportunities for additional trees and irrigation along the multiuse pathway.

Motion was made by Member Stebe to recommend to the Zoning Examiner approval, finding the project in compliance with the design standard set forth in UDC Section 4.9.11.A.8, with the following recommendations: 1) Applicant to pursue coordination with the City of Tucson and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for the potential addition of shade trees on the multi-use path area on Escalante Road and Kolb Road; and 2) The applicant to include micro-basin water harvesting in shrub areas to encourage passive water collection, in addition to the basins in tree plantings already shown in the application. The motion was duly seconded by Member Clement. Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Staff Announcements

Informational

No new announcements

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 AM.