

CITY OF MESA

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
STUDY SESSION

Held in the City of Mesa Council Chamber (Lower Level)
September 15, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Carter, Chair
Beth Coons, Vice Chair
Chell Roberts
Vince DiBella
Lisa Hudson
Brad Arnett
Suzanne Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

John Wesley
Gordon Sheffield
Tom Ellsworth
Angelica Guevara
Lesley Davis
Debbie Archuleta
Margaret Robertson

Others

Chairperson Carter declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

A. Review items on the agenda for the September 15, 2010 regular Planning & Zoning hearing.

The items on the September 15, 2010, agenda were discussed. No formal action was taken.

B. Transportation Department Presentation;

Alan Sanderson, Deputy Transportation Director, explained what Transportation looks for when they review projects. He stated that Transportation is now looking for new medians to make pedestrians safer, and ways to encourage slower speeds in residential areas. They also look for connections between neighborhoods; spacing of access points; and placement of traffic lights. He explained that with private streets they are mostly looking at how they interface with public streets. He stated they don't typically do traffic impact studies; however, they sometimes require studies from the applicants.

Boardmember Chell Roberts asked what the difference is between congestion and what a street can handle. Mr. Sanderson stated there is no way to determine how much impact a development will have on congestion.

Chair Randy Carter stated that sometimes it seems the streets and driveways are built in different locations from what was shown at the Planning and Zoning and Design Review meetings. Mr. Sanderson stated that in the past as the projects went through more review the street and driveways needed to be relocated to work with what existed in the area. The new system has eliminated a lot of that.

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C. Planning Director Updates:

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wesley, Secretary
Planning Director

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