



COUNCIL MINUTES

June 2, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on June 2, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams
Jennifer Duff
Alicia Goforth
Francisco Heredia
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the June 2, 2025, Regular and Special Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Somers regarding agenda Item 9-a, **(Public hearing on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years ending 2026-2030.)**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Office of Management and Budget Director Brian Ritschel reviewed the General Obligation (GO) and Utility Bond, identifying individual approval and separate debt obligations for each. He confirmed that the natural gas customers located outside of the city limits will also be subject to repayment of the Utility Bond debt.

In response to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Ritschel verified that the proposed utility rate adjustment had been approved last year.

Mayor Freeman pointed out that the GO bonds were approved by the voters by a healthy percentage and that the spending limits remain consistent and within City policy.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury regarding agenda Item 8-a, **(ZON24-00708 "Park North Multi-Family" 5± acres located approximately 275 feet east of the northeast corner of South Power Road and East Guadalupe Road. Rezone from Limited Commercial with Planned Area Development Overlay (LC-PAD) to Limited Commercial with a new Planned Area Development Overlay (LC-PAD), Council Use Permit, and Site Plan Review for the development of a 120-unit multiple residence development. P & G Land Development LLC, owner; Chris Webb, Rose Law Group, applicant. (District 6))**, on the Regular City Council meeting agenda, Principal Planner Evan Balmer provided an overview of the proposed development and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. Balmer identified that the request is for rezoning, a Council Use Permit (CUP), and a site plan review for a proposed 120-unit multifamily residential project. He gave a summary of the site's location and noted that the area is designated as a neighborhood/suburban sub-type in the City's 2040 General Plan, elaborating on the characteristics associated with that land use designation. (See Pages 2 through 5 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Balmer reviewed both the existing and proposed zoning classifications, proposed site plan, and the landscape design. He pointed out that the landscape design was developed in partnership with the Maricopa County Flood Control District and the City of Mesa Parks and Recreation Department to improve the surrounding environment. (See Pages 6 through 17 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Balmer outlined the criteria for CUP approval of residential developments within commercial zones, referencing Sections 11-31-31(F) and 11-70-6(D) of the Mesa Zoning Ordinance (MZO). He recapped the community outreach and notification efforts conducted as part of the process. He concluded that the project meets the standards for the requested deviations and stated that both City staff and the Planning and Zoning Board support the proposal. He reviewed the stipulations included in the required development agreement. (See Pages 18 through 23 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Mr. Balmer reported that the proposed plans meet the requirements for guest and overflow parking.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury regarding the traffic concern on Guadalupe Road, Interim City Transportation Director Erik Guderian confirmed that the traffic study indicated that Guadalupe Road was able to withstand additional traffic capacity and that the subject intersection is not currently identified as a safety issue and therefore does not require an emergency upgrade.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the project specifications.

Mr. Balmer advised that the applicant will be available to answer additional questions during the upcoming Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Freeman thanked staff for the presentation.

2-a. Appointments to various boards and committees.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 2)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

3-a. Design Review Board meeting held on April 8, 2025.

3-b. Library Advisory Board meeting held on March 18, 2025.

It was moved by Councilmember Duff, seconded by Councilmember Adams, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers highlighted the events, meetings, and conferences recently attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Scott Butler stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Cadence Community Facilities District Board

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Eastmark Community Facilities District No. 1 Board

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Eastmark Community Facilities District No. 2 Board

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Mark Freeman
MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Holly Moseley
HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 2nd of June 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Holly Moseley
HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachment – 2)



City Council

ZON24-00708

Mary Kopaskie-Brown, Planning Director

May 12, 2025



Request

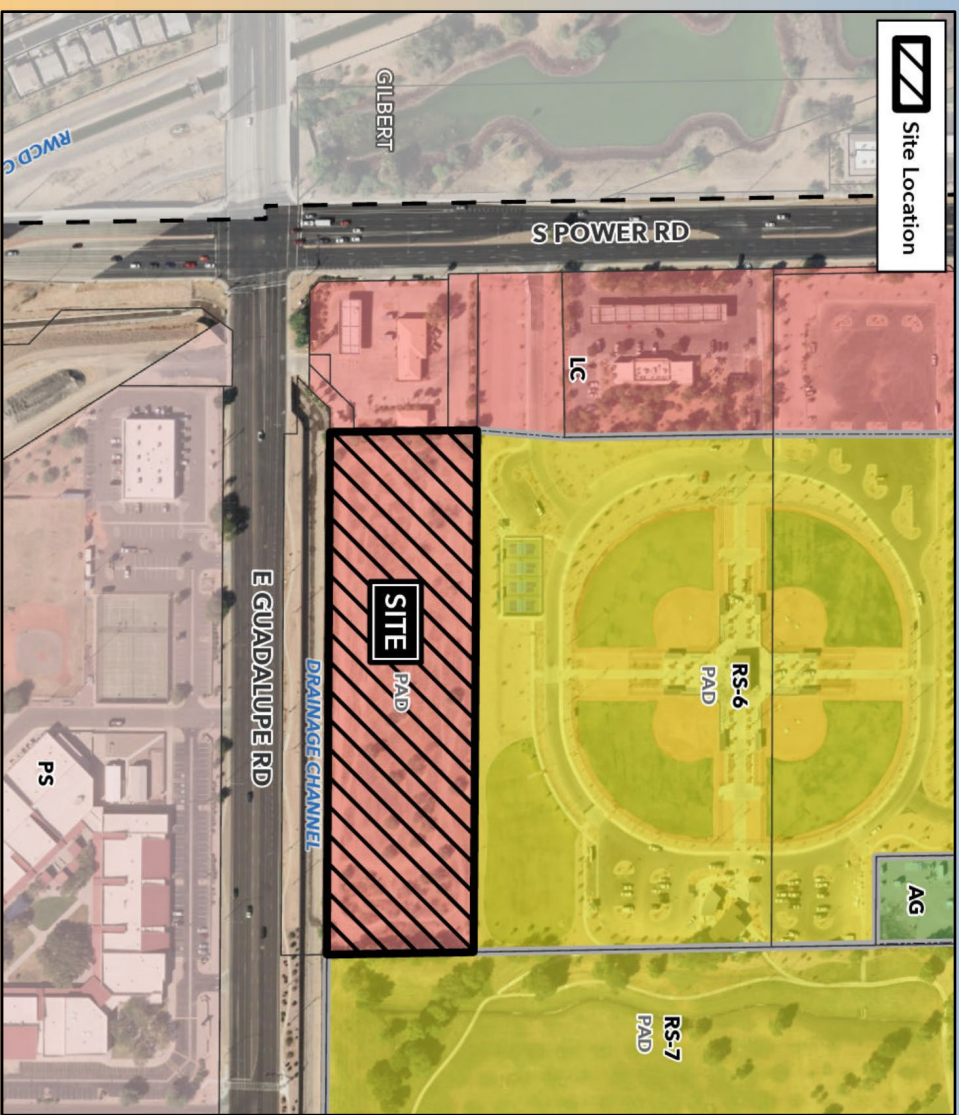
- Rezone from LC-PAD to LC with a new PAD
- CUP
- Site Plan Review
- To allow for a multiple residence development





Location

- East of Power Road
- North side of Guadalupe Road





Site Photo



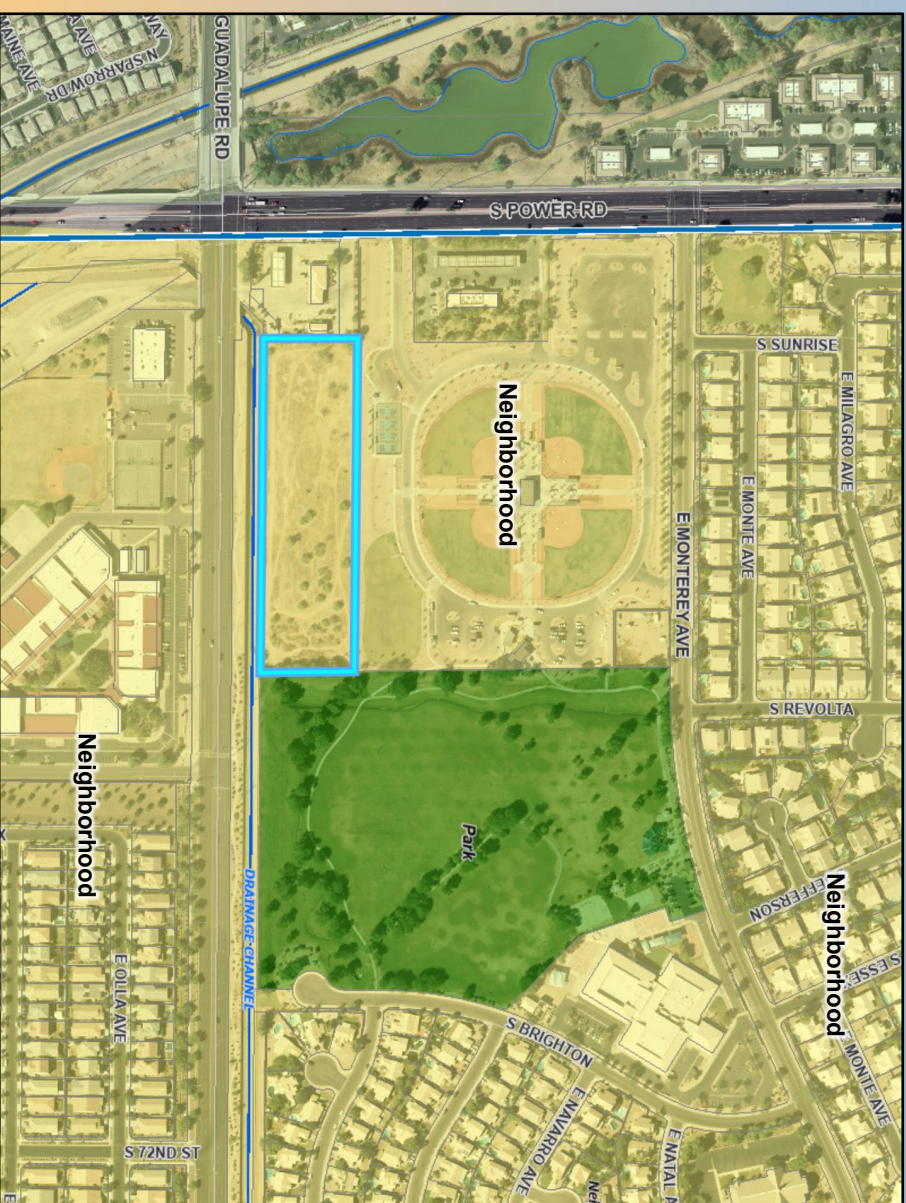
Looking north from Guadalupe Road



General Plan

Neighborhood/Suburban Sub-Type

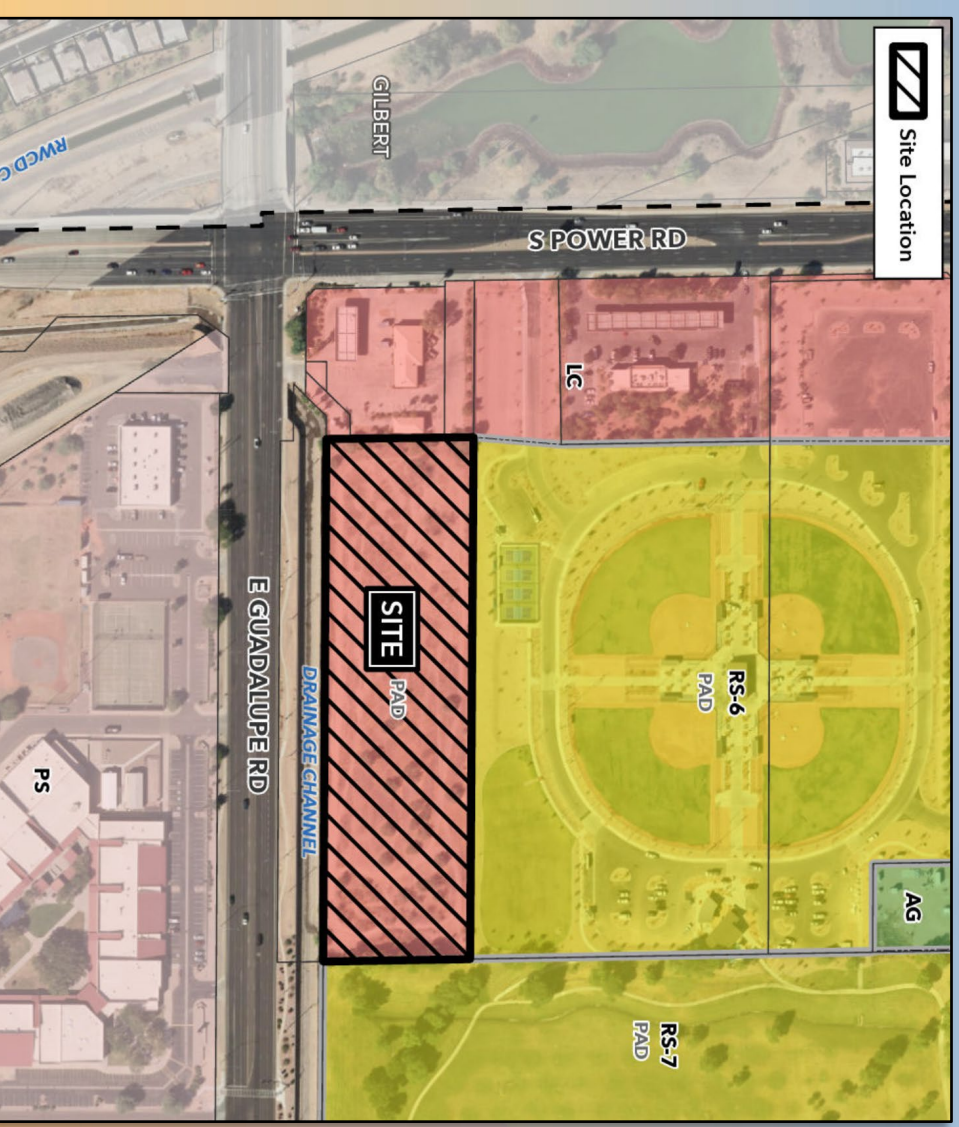
- Provide safe places for people to live where they feel secure and enjoy their surrounding community
- Primarily single residence in character
- May contain areas of multi-residence properties and commercial uses along arterial frontages and major intersections





Zoning

- Current: LC-PAD
- Proposed: Limited Commercial with a new Planned Area Development (LC-PAD)
- Multi-residence permitted if meeting certain criteria
- PAD to allow modifications to development standards

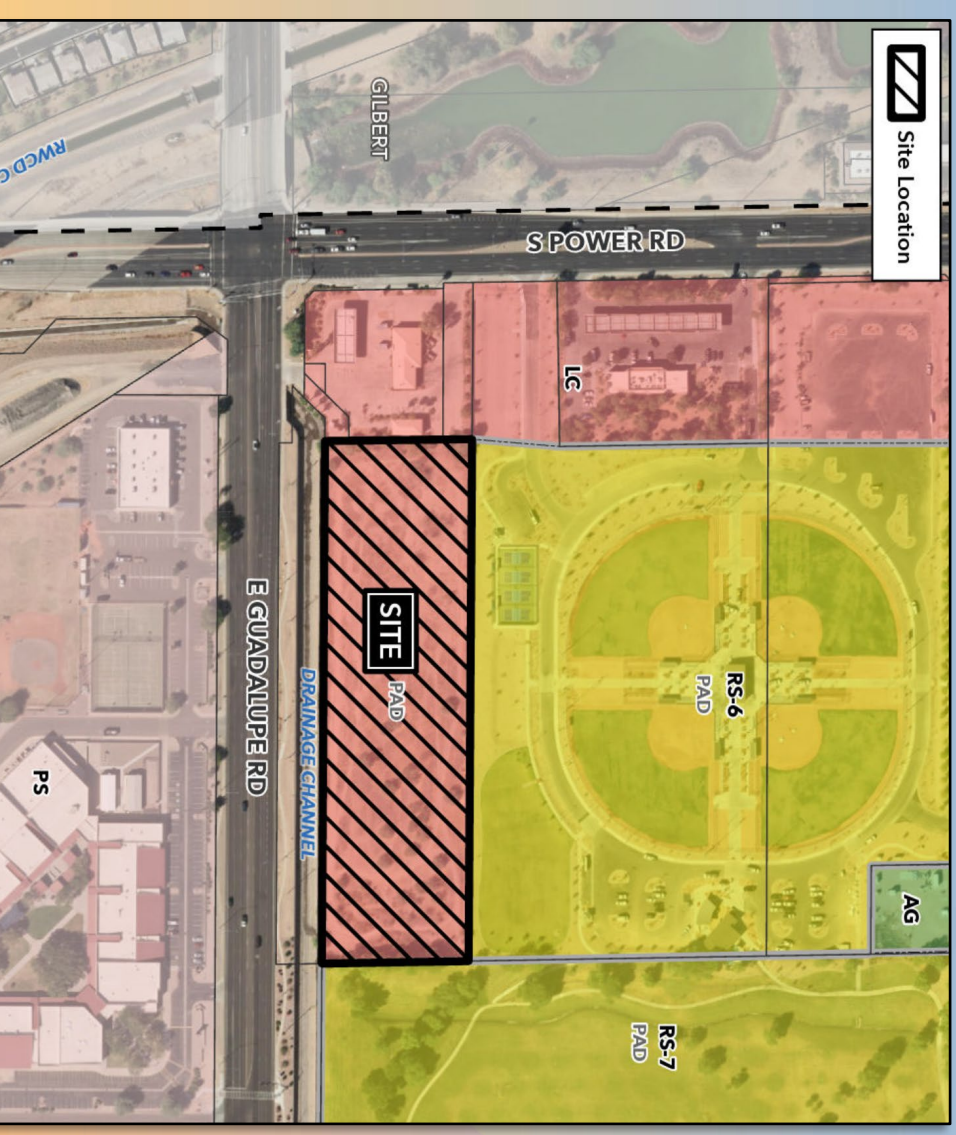




Zoning

Multiple residence uses permitted in LC district if:

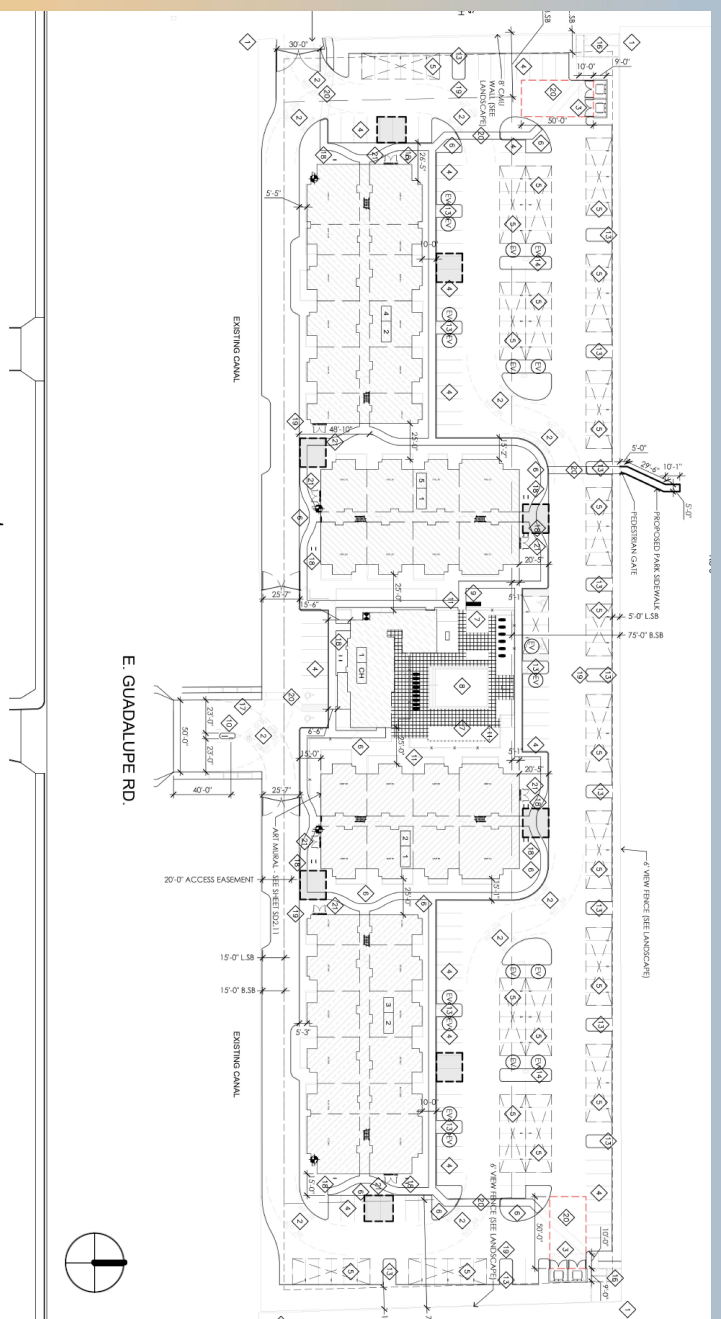
- $\geq 60\%$ GFA reserved for commercial uses,
 - $\geq 65\%$ of ground floor reserved for commercial use, and
 - ≤ 25 du/ac
- CUP required to modify these criteria





Site Plan

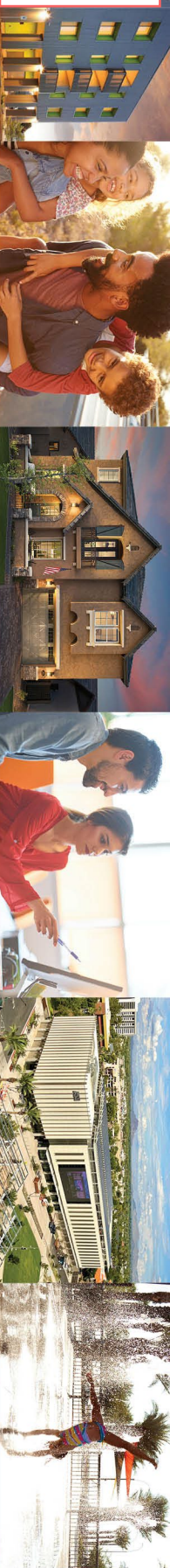
- Two, 3-story apartment buildings with 36 units
- Two, 3-story apartment buildings with 24 units
- 4,053 sq.ft. Clubhouse/Leasing Office
- Access from Guadalupe Road via new bridges across MCFCD canal
- Emergency egress through commercial property to the west via an access easement
- Parking spaces:
 - Required = 252 spaces
 - Provided = 252 spaces (122 covered spaces)





Planned Area Development

Development Standard		MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Maximum Building Height</u> – MZO Table 11-6-3.A:</p>	30 feet	38 feet	
<p><u>Minimum Setback along Property Lines to Building and Parking Areas – MZO Table 11-6-3.A:</u> -Front and Street-Facing Side: 6-lane arterial street (Guadalupe Road) -Interior Side and Rear Adjacent to RS District: 3-story building (North property line) (East property line)</p>	15 feet 75 feet 75 feet	0 feet 5 feet 15 feet	



Planned Area Development

Development Standard		MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Minimum Setback along Property Lines to Building and Parking Areas – MZO Table 11-6-3.A:</u></p> <p>-Interior Side and Rear Adjacent to Non-residential District: (West property line)</p>		<p>15 feet each story (45 feet total)</p>	<p>15 feet</p>
<p><u>Minimum Separation between Buildings on Same Lot – MZO Table 11-6-3.A:</u></p> <p>-Building height between 20 and 40 feet</p>		<p>15 feet each story (45 feet total)</p>	<p>25 feet</p>



Planned Area Development

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Fences and Freestanding Walls Maximum Height – MZO</u> <i>Section 11-30-4(B)(1)(a):</i> - Front Yards and Required Side Yards (Guadalupe Road)</p> <p><u>Fence Materials in Commercial and Employment Districts – MZO</u> <i>Section 11-30-4(B)(2)(a)(i):</i> -Fence Materials in Commercial and Employment Districts</p>	<p>3.5 feet</p> <p>Chain link may only be used when not visible from public view</p>	<p>6 feet</p> <p>Existing chain link fence may remain along the south property line</p>



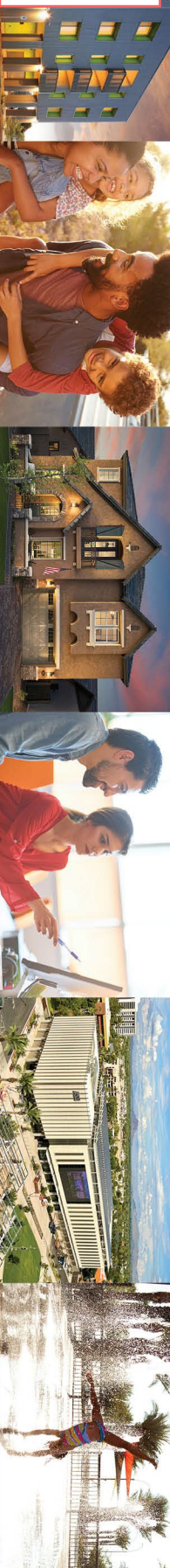
Planned Area Development

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Screening – Parking Areas – MZO Section 11-30-9(H):</u></p>	<p>Parking areas and drive aisles shall be screened from street(s) with masonry wall, berm or combination of walls/berms and densely planted landscaping or "vertical wire trellis panels". No more than 40 percent of the screening shall be accomplished with dense landscaping</p>	<p>Parking areas and drive aisles will not be screened</p>



Planned Area Development

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Required Landscape Yards</u>– <i>MZO Section 11-33-3(B)(1)(a)(iii)</i>: - Landscaping for Non-Single Residence Uses adjacent to Single Residence Uses or Districts: Sites five acres or more adjacent to an RS or RSL district (North property line)</p>	<p>25 feet</p>	<p>5 feet</p>
<p>(East property line)</p>	<p>25 feet</p>	<p>15 feet</p>



Planned Area Development

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Perimeter Landscape Required Plant Material</u> – <i>MZO Table 11-33-3.A.4 and Section 11-33-3(B)(1)(c)(ii):</i> - Arterial Streets (Guadalupe Road)</p>	<p>1 tree and 6 shrubs per 25 linear feet of frontage (886± feet of frontage = 36 trees and 213 shrubs total)</p>	<p>0 trees, 0 shrubs</p>
<p>(North property line)</p>	<p>4 non-deciduous trees and 20 shrubs per 100 linear feet of adjacent property line (885± feet of adjacent property line = 36 trees and 177 shrubs total)</p>	<p>0 trees and 194 shrubs</p>

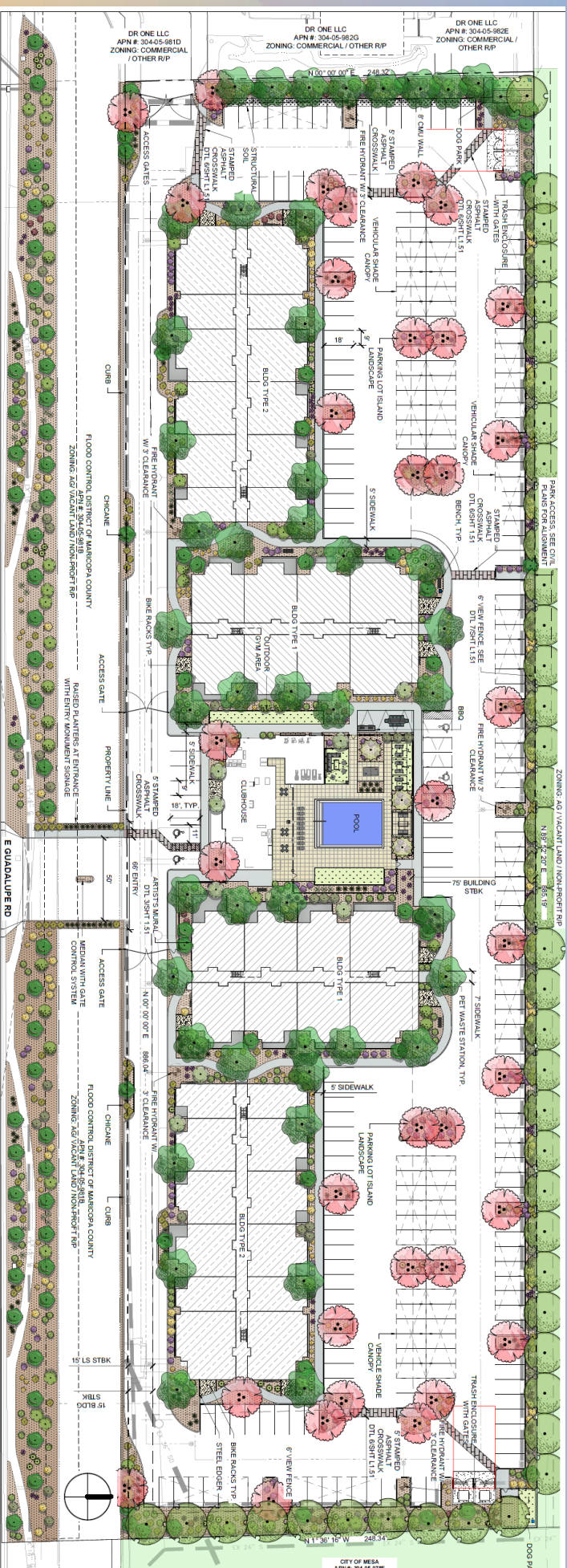


Planned Area Development

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<p><u>Foundation Base, Exterior Walls with Public Entrances</u></p> <p>– <i>MZO Section 11-33-5(A)(1)(a)(i)</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buildings larger than 10,000 square feet with parking spaces that about the foundation base	<p>An additional foundation base shall be provided at the entrance to create an entry plaza area. The plaza area shall have a minimum width and depth of 20 feet, and a minimum area of 900 square feet</p>	<p>A plaza area shall not be required adjacent to the east elevation of the Building 3 or the west elevation of Building 4</p>



Landscape Plan



PLANT SCHEDULE

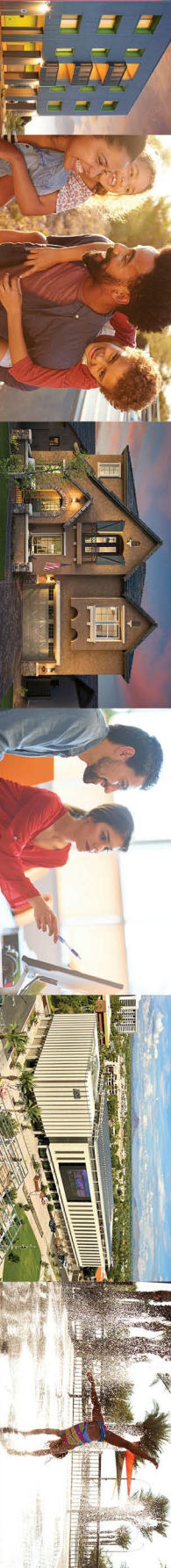
SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	PLANTING SIZE	CALIBER	HEIGHT	WIDTH	MATURE SIZE	VEG CREDIT
	3	Bismarckia nobilis Bismarck Palm	36" Box	20"-3.0"	8.0'-10.0'	4.0'-5.0'	4.5' x 10'	25
	44	Ecodynia papuana Great Palm	24" Box	10"-1.5"	8.0'-10.0'	3.0'-4.0'	40' x 25'	100
	36	Palmetto x Red Palm	24" Box	10"-1.5"	7.0'-9.0'	2.5'-3.5'	25' x 25'	50
	46	Quercus laevis - 'Iron Horse' Iron Horse Live Oak	36" Box	10"-1.5"	8.0'-10.0'	5.0'-6.0'	40' x 25'	100
129 SUBTOTAL								

HARDSCAPE SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	QTY
	Aloe barbadensis Medicinal Aloe	5 gal 10
	Azadirachta indica Desert Silkweed	5 gal 5
	Muhlenbergia capillaris Regal Mist	5 gal 5
	Muhlenbergia rigens Deer Grass	5 gal 5
	Panicum virgatum Equestrian Grass	5 gal 10
418 SUBTOTAL		
	32' Exterior Improvements	61,060 sf
	112' Screened - 2" Depth Color Manganese	
	142' DECOMPOSED GRANITE - STABILIZED 1/4" Muns Stabilized, 3" Depth Color Desert Tan	1,390 sf
	Athletic and Recreational Surfacing TURF - SYNTHETIC 343 By Paradise Greens and Turf - (480) 566-0655	2,085 sf

GROUNDCOVER & SHRUBS

SYMBOL	QTY	VEG CREDIT
	86	15 gal 50
	116	5 gal 50
	138	5 gal 10
	42	5 gal 25
	189	5 gal 25
	131	5 gal 25
	152	5 gal 10
	9	15 gal 50
	40	5 gal 25
	87	5 gal 25
960 SUBTOTAL		





Approval Criteria

Council Use Permit for Residential Uses in Commercial Districts – MZO Section 11-31-31(F)

- The use is found to be in compliance with the General Plan, Sub Area Plans and other recognized development plans or policies, and will be compatible with surrounding uses; and
- A finding that a plan of operation has been submitted, which includes, but is not limited to, acceptable evidence of compliance with all zoning, building, and fire safety regulations; and
- A finding that a "good neighbor policy" in narrative form has been submitted, which includes, but is not limited to, descriptions of acceptable measures to ensure ongoing compatibility with adjacent uses; including measures to assure that commercial activity will remain as a viable activity on this site; and



Approval Criteria

Council Use Permit for Residential Uses in Commercial Districts - MZO Section 11-31-31(F) (cont'd)

- Evidence that acceptable documentation is present demonstrating that the building or site proposed for the use is in, or will be brought into, substantial conformance with all current City development standards, including, but not limited to, landscaping, parking, screen walls, signage, and design guidelines; and
- The overall project conforms to the intent and character of the zoning district and is part of a well integrated mixed-use project.



Approval Criteria

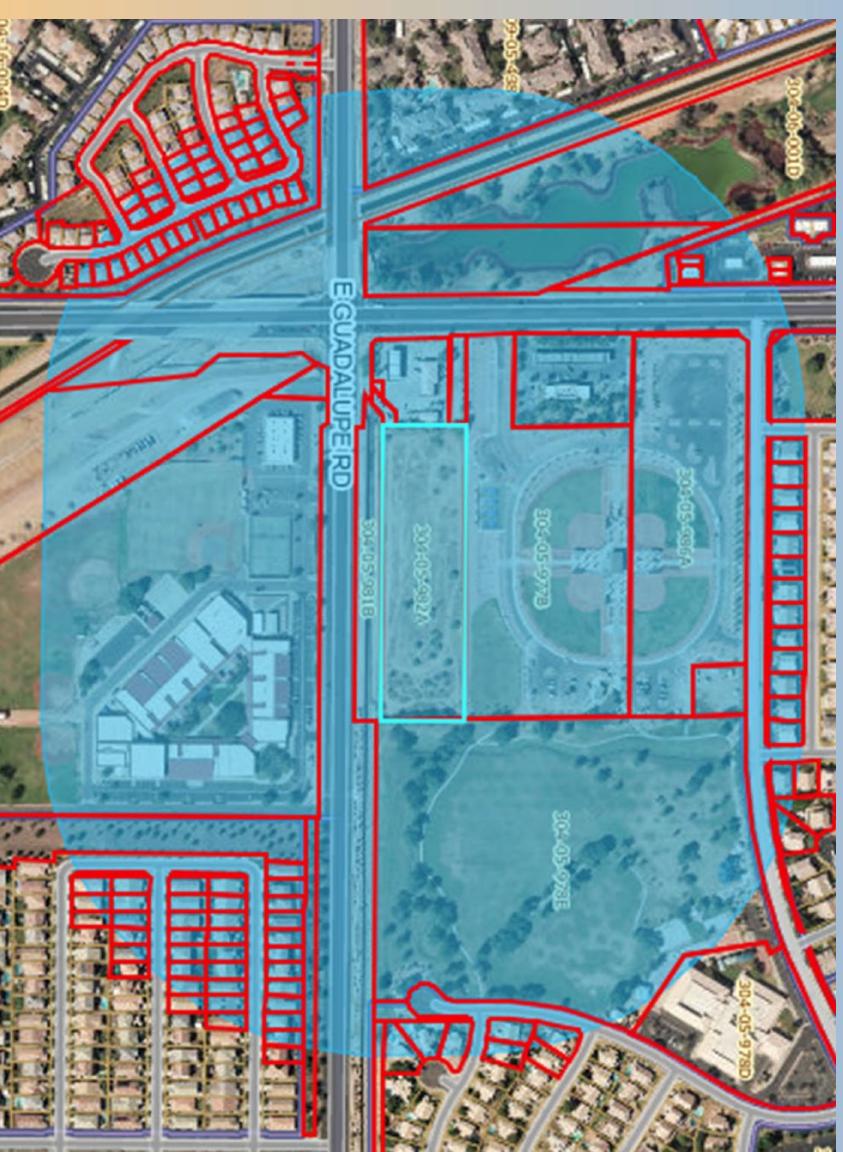
Review Criteria for a Council Use Permit per MZO Section 11-70-6(D)

- Approval of the proposed project will advance the goals and objectives of and is consistent with the policies of the General Plan and any other applicable City plan and/or policies;
- The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed project are consistent with the purposes of the district where it is located and conform with the General Plan and with any other applicable City plan or policies;
- The proposed project will not be injurious or detrimental to the adjacent or surrounding properties in the area of the proposed project or improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City; and
- Adequate public services, public facilities and public infrastructure are available to serve the proposed project.



Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 1000 feet, HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- In-person meetings were held on March 24, 2024, and November 14, 2024.
- Received 43 emails in opposition to the project with concerns about the use and traffic congestion.
- Two emails in support of the project





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Complies with Chapter 69 of the MZO for Site Plan Review
- ✓ Complies with Chapter 22 of the MZO for a PAD Overlay
- ✓ Complies with criteria for CUP for residential uses in commercial districts per Section 11-31-31(F) & criteria for CUP per Section 11-70-6(D) of the MZO

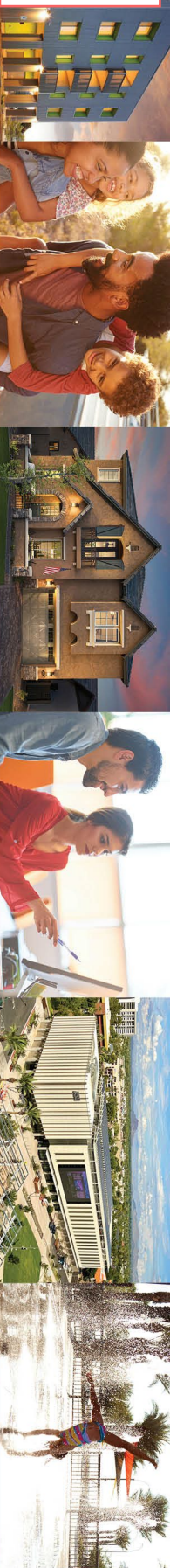
Staff recommends Approval with Conditions
Planning and Zoning Board recommends Approval with Conditions (4-0)



Development Agreement Summary

The Owner will:

- Coordinate with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County on the installation and maintenance of landscaping and irrigation along Guadalupe Road
- Install landscaping and connect irrigation to the existing system at Monterey Park
- Build a pedestrian pathway from the property to Monterey Park
- Notify future residents in each lease about possible noise or light intrusion from Monterey Park



Site Photo

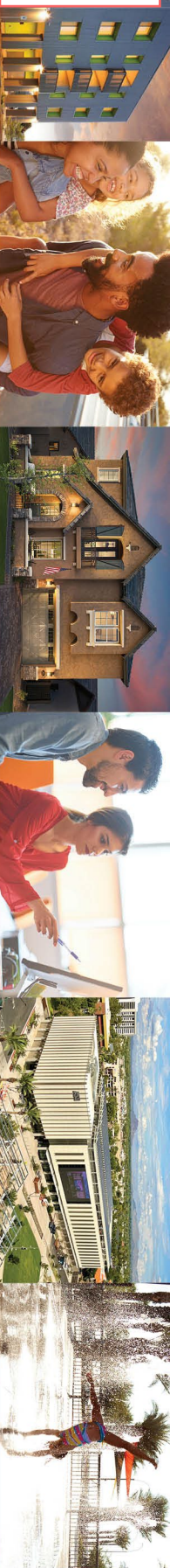


Looking south from Monterey Park

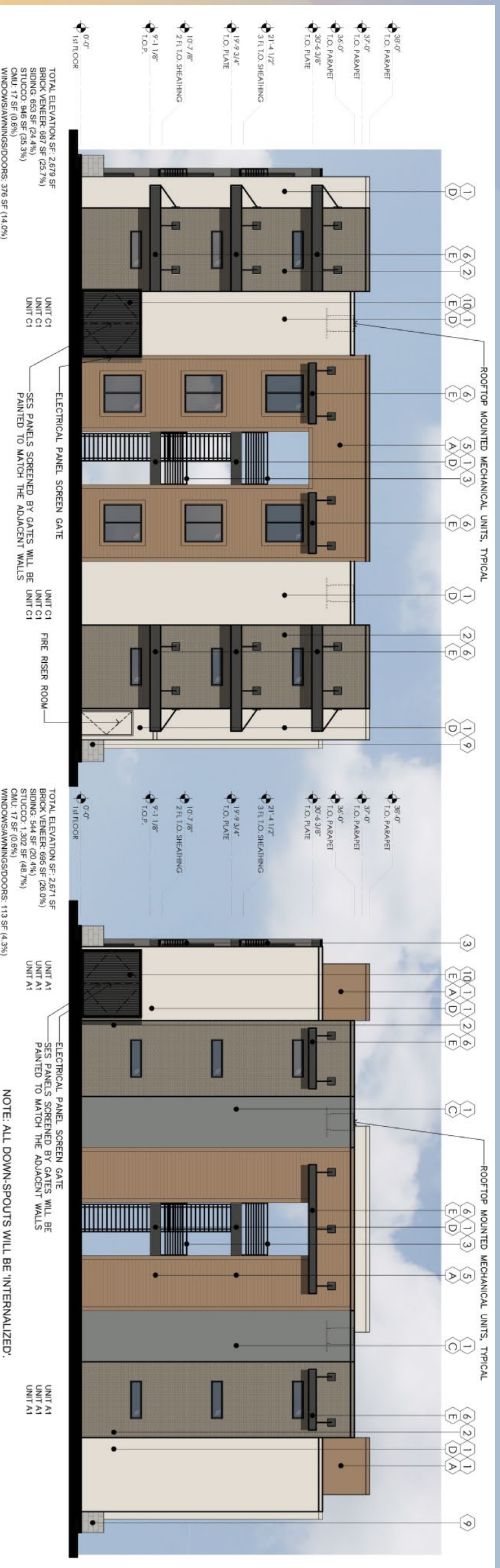


Elevations – 36 Unit Building

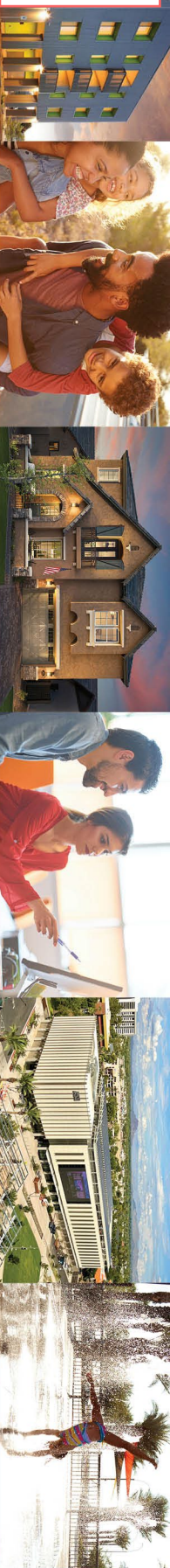




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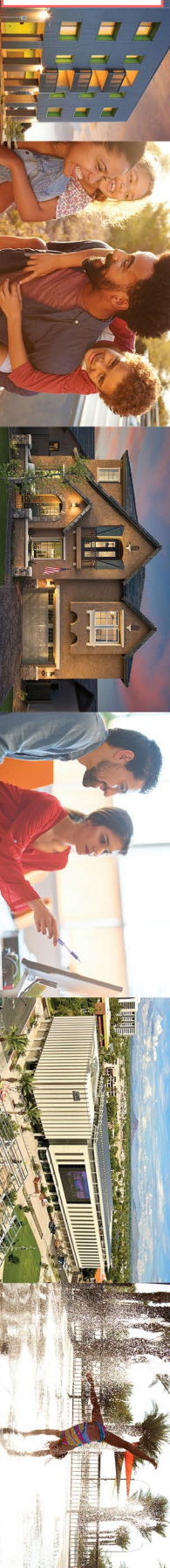
West and East Elevations



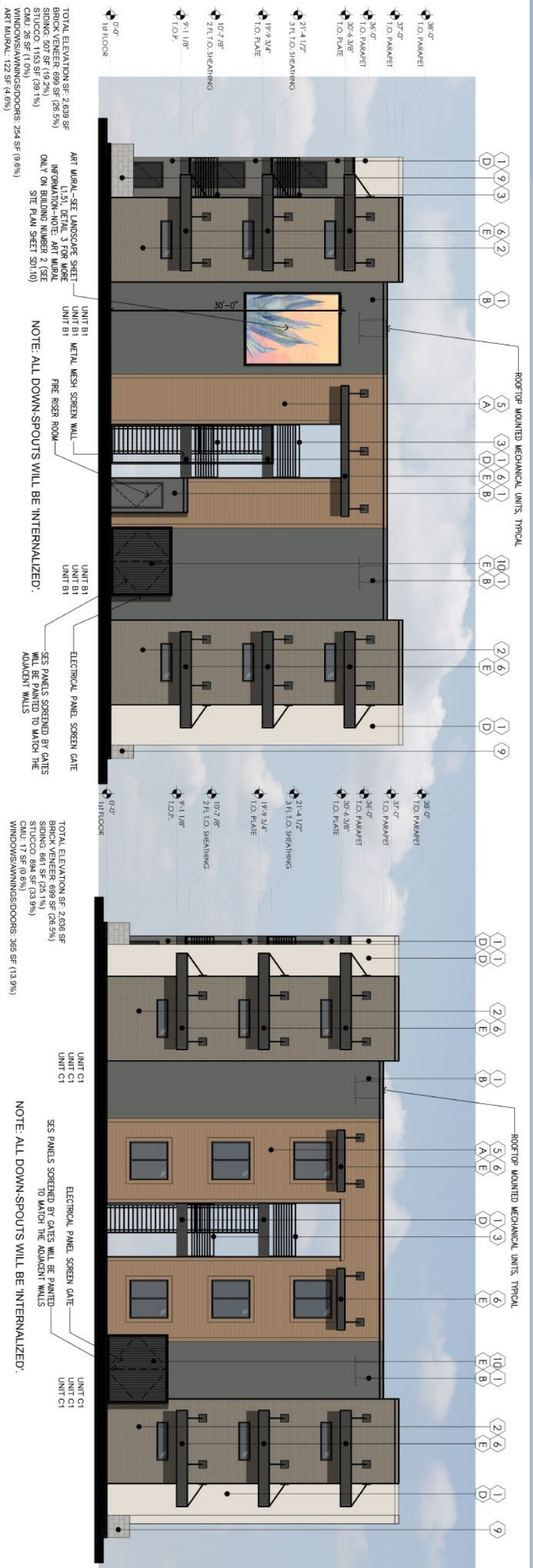
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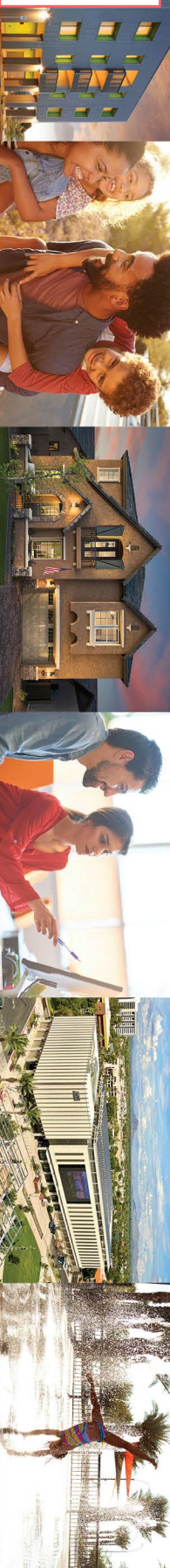
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Elevations – 24 Unit Building



South and North Elevations



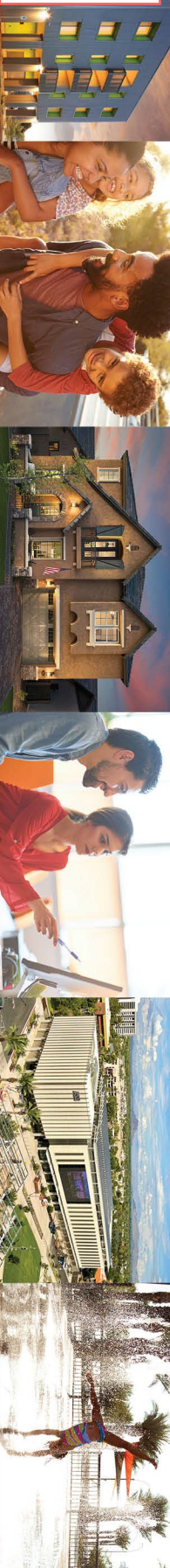
Elevations – Clubhouse/Leasing Office



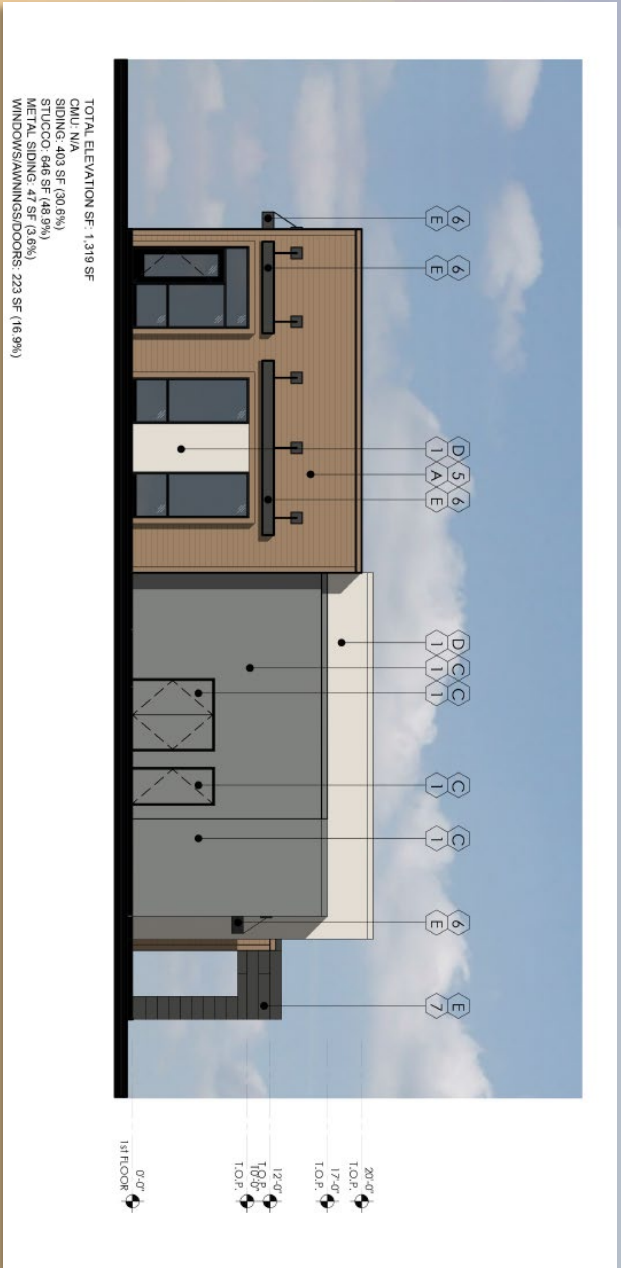
South Elevation



North Elevation



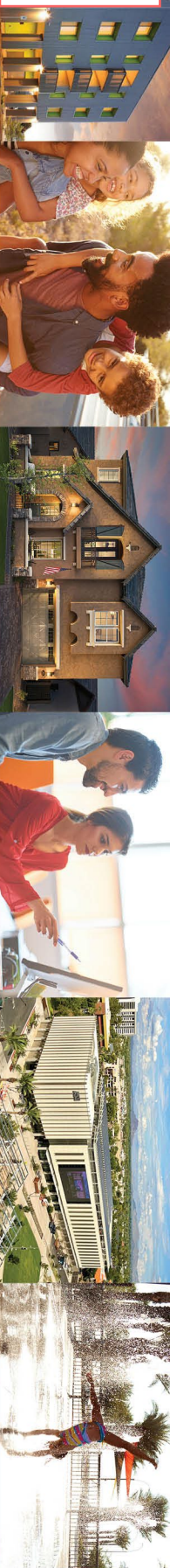
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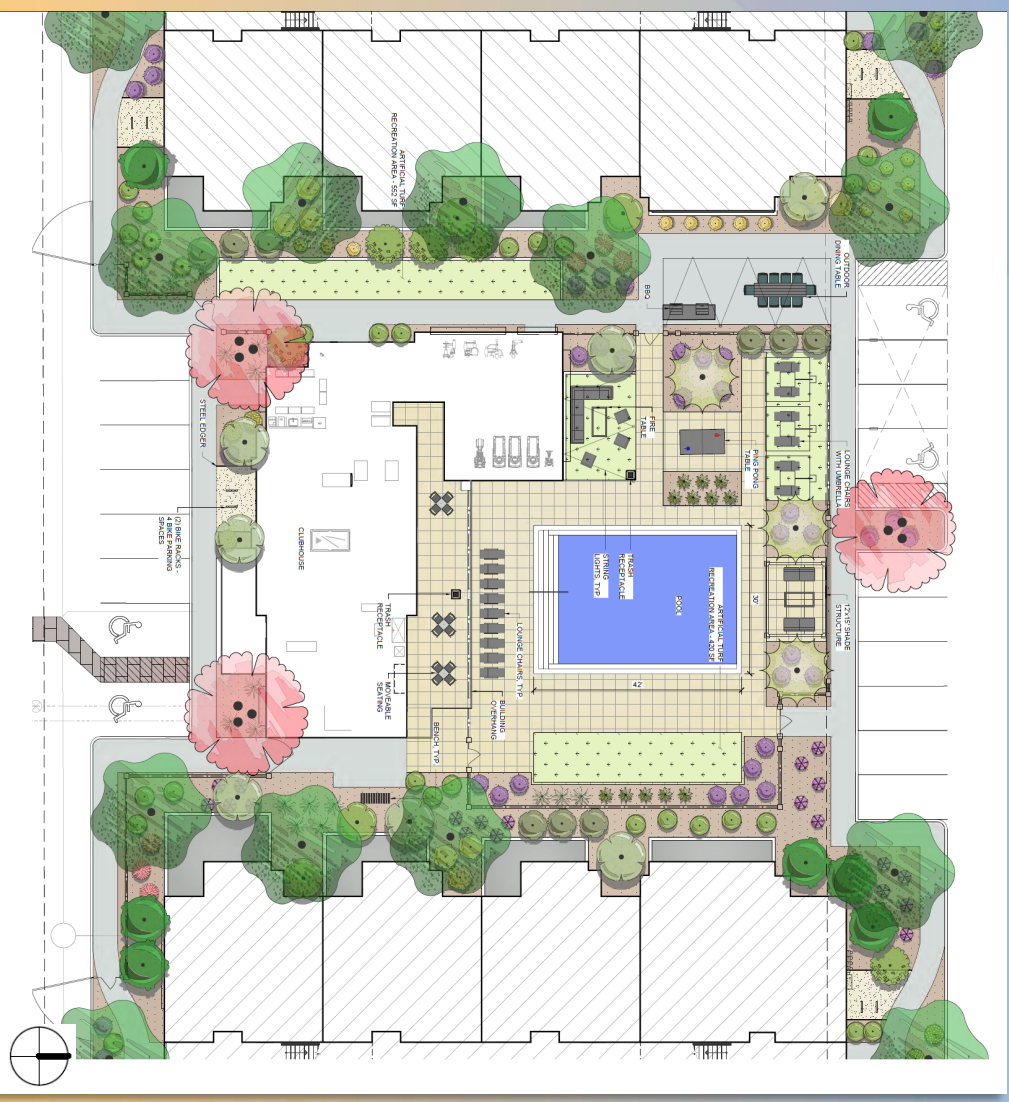
West Elevation



East Elevation



Landscape Plan



PLANT SCHEDULE

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TREES								
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SUBTOTAL:								

GROUNDCOVER & SHRUBS

SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	PLANTING SIZE	VEG CREDIT
	86	Caesalpinia mexicana Mexican Bird of Paradise	15 gal	50
	116	Dodonaea viscosa Hop Bush	5 gal	50
	138	Eriocela lanosa Britbush	5 gal	10
	42	Eremophila glabra 'Mingnew Gold' Outback Sunrise Emu	5 gal	25
	159	Lantana montensis Purple Trailing Lantana	5 gal	25
	131	Lantana x 'New Gold' New Gold Lantana	5 gal	25
	152	Ruella brittoniana Purple Bushelia	5 gal	10
	9	Sophora secundiflora Texas Mountain Laurel	15 gal	50
	40	Sparganocolla thibakata Yellow Dot	5 gal	25
	87	Tecoma x 'Sandy' Tecoma Sandy	5 gal	25
SUBTOTAL:				

ACCENTS & GRASSES

SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	PLANTING SIZE	VEG CREDIT
	136	Aloe barkerensis Medicinal Aloe	5 gal	10
	48	Asclepias subulata Desert Milkweed	5 gal	5
	49	Muhlenbergia capillaris Regal Mist™	5 gal	5
	52	Regal Mist Mahly Multicolora regens	5 gal	5
	133	Deer Grass Panicum virgatum	5 gal	10
	418	Paspalum affinis Elephant's Foot	5 gal	10
SUBTOTAL:				

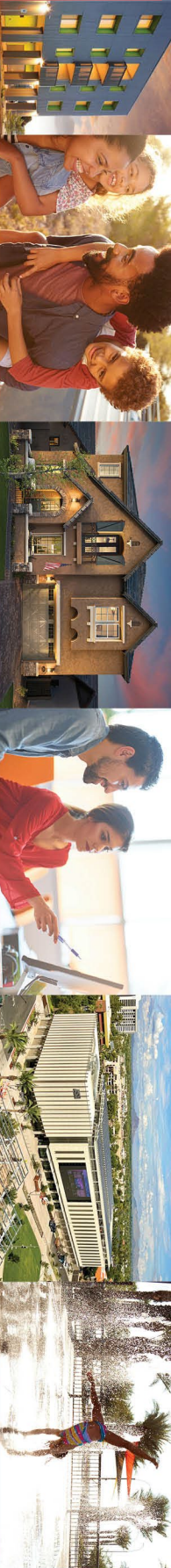
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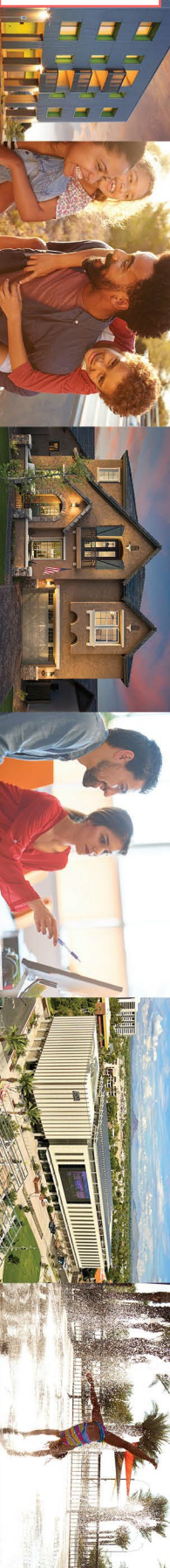
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	QTY
	32 Exterior Improvements	61,060 sf
	12\"/>	1,590 sf
	Athletic and Recreational Surfacing	2,086 sf

TURF - SYNTHETIC
 Product: SYNTPeak 343
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June 2, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR MARK FREEMAN

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for reappointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees:

Board of Adjustment – Seven-member board.

Heath Reed, District 6. Mr. Reed is a project manager at Crown Castle LLC and a member of the America Planning Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from Arizona State University and a master's degree in urban & regional planning from the University of Colorado, Denver. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Building Board of Appeals– Nine-member board.

Jerry Peterman, District 2. Mr. Peterman served in the US Navy and completed four tours in Vietnam. After 30 years with the Graham Fire Department, he retired as Line Captain. He also was a member of the Graham City Council and retired as Mayor. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Tracy Dyches, District 5. Mr. Dyches is President and CEO of Dyches Property Service and was a designer of custom homes with G.W. Berry Builders. He fills the homebuilder position on the Building Board of Appeals. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Design Review Board – Seven-member board.

Ryan J. Circello, District 2. Mr. Circello has nearly 20 years' experience as a professional civil engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland, and his experience has been in design and construction in civil, water and wastewater industries. He completed a partial term 7/1/24 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.



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Economic Development Advisory Board – Nine-member board.

Charles Gregory, District 5. Mr. Gregory previously served as president of Benedictine University. He also has extensive experience as an administrator in education and has consulted numerous high schools and colleges in their fundraising efforts, enrollment, and strategic initiatives. He earned a Master of Education from Cumberland University, a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Austin Peay State University, and an Associate of Arts Degree from Cumberland College of Tennessee. He completed a partial term, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Education and Workforce Development Roundtable – Seventeen-member board.

Kristin Sorensen, District 2. Ms. Sorensen is a senior community and government relations specialist for The Boeing Company. She was also formerly the director of communications and community engagement for the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family for the State of Arizona. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 11/2/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

David Williams, Mr. Williams is Community Development Regional Manager, Southwest, at Meta. He earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from New Mexico State University and has extensive experience at the United States Senate. His second term will expire June 30, 2025.

Historic Preservation Board – Seven-member board.

Bruce Nelson, District 4. Mr. Nelson is an award-winning actor and filmmaker who has produced several historical documentaries and museum exhibits about Mesa. His films have been selected at the Phoenix Film Festival, Herberger Arts Film Festival, The Arizona Black Film Showcase and others. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Housing & Community Development Board – Eleven-member board.

Monica R. Thompson, District 6. Ms. Thompson is a fifth and sixth grade innovation teacher with Mesa Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Arizona State University, a teacher certification from Ottawa University, a Master of Education from Arizona State University, and an Associate of Applied Science in law enforcement technology from Rio Salado Community College. She completed a partial term 4/3/25 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.



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Warren Williams, District 3. Mr. Williams is executive pastor at Redemption Church. He also has experience in operations management and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Albany. He completed a partial term 8/17/23 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

William Campos, District 6. Mr. Campos is a senior digital strategist at Arizona Federal Credit Union. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in marketing from the University of Texas at Dallas. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Nina Allred, District 2. Ms. Allred is the Community Outreach and Engagement Supervisor at Mesa Public Schools. She is a bilingual interpreter/translator and earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Brigham Young University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Oscar White, District 1. Mr. White is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran with a long career in operations management. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from California Polytechnical University. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Mary Redwing (Plomin), District 2. Ms. Redwing has personal experience with down syndrome and is a parent-advocate for those with disabilities. She has been an attorney and criminal prosecutor for more than 17 years and is currently the Deputy County Attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California at Hastings College of Law. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Jane W. Cooper, District 6. Ms. Cooper has a background in nursing and community education and has over 30 years of experience in nursing in both rural areas and large cities. She holds several degrees including a Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing and Master of Applied Science in Nursing, both from Governors State University, and is currently working toward a Doctorate of Nurse Practitioner from Bradley University. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.



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Judicial Advisory Board – Seven-member board.

Keith Berkshire, Esq., District 5. Mr. Berkshire has been an attorney for 16 years and has practiced at every level of Court. He owns Berkshire Law Office and has served on various committees with the State Bar of Arizona. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center. He completed a partial term 2/1/24 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Sonia Martinez, District 3. Ms. Martinez owns and operates Sonia Martinez Law. She was recommended by the State Bar of Arizona to be a member of the Judicial Advisory Board. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science/pre-law from California State University in Long Beach, CA and a Juris Doctor from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, CA. She completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board.

Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, District 1. Dr. Ricklefs-Johnson is Director of Nutrition Science at GenoPalate. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Northern Iowa, a master's degree in exercise and wellness from Kansas State University, and a PhD in physical activity, nutrition and wellness from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

James Martherus, District 6. Dr. Martherus is a research scientist at Morning Consult in Mesa. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT and both a master's degree and PhD in political science from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. He completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Jo Wilson, District 1. Ms. Wilson is Strategic Partnership and Community Relations Director at Benedictine University – Mesa. She earned a bachelor's degree in higher education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in higher education from Arizona State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.



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Karina Wilhelm, District 3. Ms. Wilhelm has been a library professional for 18 years and has held various roles at the ASU Library. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Arizona State University, a Master of Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 10/17/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Merit System Board – Three-member board.

Tara Francois, District 6. Ms. Francois is vice president of Global Sales Engineering for Smartsheet. She has more than 25 years' experience delivering software solutions to industries worldwide. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Linée Ferguson, District 5. Ms. Ferguson owns Master the Workplace, LLC. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and a master's degree in urban studies from Georgia State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

Claudia Bloom, District 5. Ms. Bloom is a professional musician who teaches and performs regularly. She is also the staff pianist and accompanist at Desert Palm UCC. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Colorado Boulder. She completed a partial term 7/1/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Angela Buer, District 3. Ms. Buer teaches art, art history, digital media and humanities as an adjunct professor for the Maricopa County Community College District. She earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and painting from Arizona State University and a master's degree in art education from the University of Arizona. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Parks & Recreation Board – Eleven-member board.

Nina Fader, District 1. Ms. Fader is an e-learning counselor at Salvation Army Croc Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in community resources and development from Arizona State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.



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Melanie Narish, District 2. Ms. Narish is a Senior Learning Designer at Arizona State University's Center for Education Thought Exploration. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master's degree in raptor biology from Boise State University. She completed a partial term 12/08/22 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Planning & Zoning Board – Seven-member board.

Jeff Pitcher, District 2. Mr. Pitcher is a transactional attorney and real estate director at Fennemore Craig P.C. He earned a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University. His second term will expire on June 30, 2028.

Genessee Montes, District 6. Ms. Montes is principal of Jefferson Elementary School, and she facilitates the Hispanic Leadership Institute through Valle Del Sol. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Self-Insurance Board of Trustees – Five-member board.

Michael Schaiberger, District 5. Mr. Schaiberger was the Employee Health Benefits Director at Maricopa County. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Transportation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

Dana Alvidrez, District 5. Ms. Alvidrez serves as a City Transportation Engineer for the City of Chandler. She is a registered professional engineer and professional traffic operations engineer with 20+ years of experience. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil) from Arizona State University and is currently working toward obtaining a Master's in Public Administration. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Tara Bingdazzo, District 3. Ms. Bingdazzo is Senior Director of Community Support Network at Solari, Inc. and oversees the 211 Arizona program, which includes transportation services. She earned a bachelor's degree in social and cultural studies from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.