DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)

Following are the minutes from the City of Las Cruces Development Review Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, Room 1158, 700 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

DRC PRESENT: David Weir, Chief Planning Administrator
Mark Dubbin, Fire Department
Ted Sweetser, Fire Department
Rocio Nasir, Engineering Services-CO
Meei Montoya, Utilities
Andrew Wray, MVMPO
Tyler Hays, Parks & Recreation

STAFF PRESENT: Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC

I. CALL TO ORDER (9:00)

Weir: Well it's 9:00, I'd like to call the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

Weir: First item is approval minutes, we don't have any.

III. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

Weir: We have no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of DRC interpretation: BLOCK LENGTH

Weir: Under new business the first item was approval of the DRC interpretation for block length. I handed out to everyone the template and the draft. It's pretty much similar to the one that was provided to everyone last week, just I've added the term "block-face" and "block length" to the definitions. Also added today's date. If there are any questions or discussion I'd be open to hear what the Committee has to say. And if we do approve it today include in your motion to change the logo to our most current one.

Dubbin: I like the new format and the interpretation template that's been proposed. The discussion looks good with me and interpretation, it makes sense, it's very concise. I don't really have anything else to add.

Weir: Okay. Meei did you want to add to the questions?
Montoya: I stated on the very bottom of the sentence there’s a definition of block length. It says that that distance as measured along the rear property line between the intersecting streets. I asked David why the rear property line. So any particular purpose it’s not measured from the front property line, instead you measured from the rear property line.

Weir: Go ahead Mark.

Dubbin: I think in some of the discussions, because of the rear property line helps provide a more average length of the block.

Montoya: Okay.

Dubbin: So if the block is aligned, if the road is aligned at an angle on either side, then you’ve got a long side and a short side. So in theory the lots are probably the same length, so the rear property line would provide kind of an average of the block length.

Montoya: Okay.

Weir: Okay. Thanks Mark. Anybody else have any comments or suggestions, discussion? Would someone want to make a motion to adopt this and we'll approve it and sign it today?

Dubbin: I’ll make a motion to approve with one correction, that we amend the logo to the most current City standard.

Weir: Second?

Nasir: Second.

Weir: I haven’t seen any protests so I’ll just take a vote by acclamation. All those in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Weir: All those opposed. None. So that’s approved with the change to the logo.

2. Discussion regarding other development related items of interest

Weir: The next item I have is just a general, is there anything else development related that the Committee would like to discuss?

Nasir: I just want to say something and it’s not for discussion. On the, what we have talked about the procedure for the Design Review Committee, you
said you were going to be talking the City Attorney’s office and then we’ll come back and talk about it right?

Weir: Yes. Just to give the Committee some more information on that. I touched base with Robert Cabello last week. He asked to see a draft so I sent that up to him. He has not gotten back with me. I sent him an e-mail today to see if he had a chance to look at it. As soon as I hear something I will let the Committee know. If we like we can put it on discussion or action, either one. If you have any suggestions in the meantime, please feel free to give them to me, I’ll make the amendments.

Nasir: And just to follow-up on the comment from last meeting that we had. If what we already have in code, if we can put the code next to it, that will be helpful.

Weir: Just again for the Committee, I did after suggestions last month, I did in the copy that I sent out to Rob has that. Each section it shows what part of the Ordinance, which Ordinance it came from.

Nasir: Thank you. And it’s just because I’m looking at my notes and see that. I just want to say that out loud.

Weir: I remember when you made that amendment as soon as the meeting was over last week.

Nasir: Thank you.

Wray: Do we have clarity established as to where this is going to live, both for our own future reference and for public to be able to review?

Weir: I would put it with the Subdivision Code and the Design Standards, because that’s where it’s comfortable.

Wray: I just want to make sure that that’s clearly stated as to where that’s going to be housed in the future. Because I could easily perceive many number of things coming up that people are going to want to discuss or dispute in the future. Not just about this topic but any number of things.

Weir: When I talk to Rob I’ll run that by him also. Any other comments from the group you need to bring up?

V. ADJOURNMENT (9:07)

Weir: I’ll entertain a motion to adjourn our six-minute meeting.

Wray: So moved.
Weir: And a second.
Montoya: Second.
Weir: All those in favor. Adjourned at 9:07.