COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES
THURSDAY, August 5, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.
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1. ROLL CALL

Daniel Brannick - Present
Joseph Martinez – Absent
Scott Miller - Absent
Dillon Savory - Absent
Andrew Feil - Present
Christine Barker - Absent
Laura Splotch - Present
Samantha Gonzales - Present
Lisa Flores - Present

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes - Approved

3. PROJECT REVIEW

a) Text Amendment to the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act, The Fresno City Council adopted a resolution of initiation regarding a text amendment to Section 15-2706 of the Fresno Municipal Code, otherwise known as the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act (RNMA). The proposed amendment would allow and exception from the Location Restrictions set forth at Section 15-2706-F and an exemption from the Cancel and Transfer requirements at Section 15-2706-S for an existing establishment that relocates to a new location across the street and within a ¼ radius of the current location; within the same Council District; within the same Census Tract; not within 500 feet of a nursery school, preschool, a public or private State-licensed or accredited school or daycare facility; and not in an area of high Crime; and the original location will be required to forfeit its existing alcohol entitlements for the original location.

ADDRESS: City Wide
Supervising Planner, Phillip Siegrist provided an overview of the text amendment.

The committee asked questions related to: limitations on single-sales; if the proposed location restriction changes are driven by a specific project or councilmember; asked if the ordinance will benefit only a few businesses and of those, are they small businesses; qualifications for relocation exception are too specific; and are there proactive efforts to enforce ABC conditions of approval.

On a motion by Andrew seconded by Daniel, the District 1 Project Review Committee recommended denial for the project with the following commentary: (1) if the RNMA changes are approved, adjust the proposed language to either state that establishments who wish to relocate be strictly across the street of an existing establishment or solely be within ¼ mile, regardless of street location. (2) the committee would reconsider its recommendation granted that specific projects impacted by the current RNMA guidelines are provided to further weigh the text amendment’s land use impacts.

Aye: Andrew, Daniel, Laura, Lisa, Samantha
No: None
Absent: Christine, Dillon, Joseph, Scott
Status: 5-0 Approved recommendation for denial.

4. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Terry provided updates on the 88-unit, multi-family development on the southwest corner of East McKinley and North Blackstone Avenues. She stated that an event for crosswalk art would be held at Olive and Broadway avenues and at Fresno High School.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

Lisa Flores suggested that Councilwoman Soria’s office should send out email notifications to the public about the District 1 Project Review Committee meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

5:29 p.m.