Minutes of the study session of the Development Review Commission, of the City of Tempe, was held in Council Chambers 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

Present:
Chair Linda Spears
Commissioner Thomas Brown
Commissioner Angela Thornton
Commissioner Scott Sumners
Commissioner Philip Amorosi
Commissioner Andrew Johnson
Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd
Alternate Commissioner Gerald Langston

City Staff Present:
Ryan Levesque, Com Dev Deputy Director - Planning
Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner
Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner
Karen Stovall, Senior Planner
Cynthia Jarrad, Admin. Assistant

Absent:
Vice Chair David Lyon
Alternate Commissioner Nicholas Labadie

Chair Spears began the Study Session at 5:30 p.m.

Review of June 28, 2016 Minutes
Item #1 - Study Session Minutes
Item #2 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Review of September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda
Item #3 – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (PL160155) - Consent Agenda
Item #4 – THE PIER (PL160248) – to be heard, Commissioner Brown will recuse himself from this project, Alternate Commissioner Barbara Lloyd will sit in.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed with Branden Lombardi of BB Living Residential, Dave Maldonado of D33 design, and Michael Zerbib, the design modifications to the Wilson Street Townhomes Development. Diana Kaminski, Senior Planner, explained that this project is coming up to entitlement deadlines. New elevations are being submitted, after failure of project at DRC level and City Council previously. Ms. Kaminski and the representatives answered Commissioner’s questions regarding number of units, floor plans, colors, etc. Ms. Kaminski also verified that there is no requirement for an additional neighborhood meeting.

Chair Linda Spears asked if there has been a new Community Development Director named. Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner, announced that City staff had just learned that Chad Weaver had been named and had a tentative start date of October 17, 2016. Chair Spears asked if joint Council/DRC retreat would now be scheduled. Ms. Dasgupta informed that it would, but that Ms. Dasgupta herself would be returning to the office on October 19, 2016, and she would let them know as soon as she had the information.

Ms. Dasgupta informed the Commission that she had forwarded to them the City Council priorities document, to aid in their future discussion of goals, for the annual report for the City Clerk’s office.

Announcements: NONE

The Study Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
Prepared by: Cynthia Jarrad

Reviewed by: Suparna Dasgupta

Suparna Dasgupta, Principal Planner