

**Design and Historic Review Commission Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022**

A meeting of the City of Yuma Design and Historic Review Commission was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS present included Chairman Tom Rushin, Vice Chairman James Sheldahl, and Commissioners Chris Hamel, Juan Leal-Rubio and Sandra Anthony. Commissioners William Moody and Amanda Coltman were absent.

STAFF MEMBERS present included Alyssa Linville, Assistant Director of Planning; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; Amelia Griffin, Associate Planner and Alejandro Marquez, Administrative Specialist.

Chairman Tom Rushin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and noted there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 22, 2022

Motion by Leal-Rubio, second by Hamel to APPROVE the minutes of June 22, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0) with two absent.

ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DHRC-40158-2022: *This is a request by NNS Yuma, LLC., for aesthetic review of a new 264 unit apartment complex in the High Density Residential / Aesthetic Overlay(R-3/AO) District, for the property located on Castle Dome Avenue north of 8th Street, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Commissioner James Sheldahl asked if the City had any plans to build bike paths connecting the apartments to downtown and the mall. **Alyssa Linville, Assistant Director of Planning** replied stating that City Council has identified the connection between downtown and the Yuma Palms area a priority initiative in their Strategic Plan. **Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio** asked for the maximum height of the apartment complex. **Blevins** deferred the question to the applicant.

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Douglas Sexton, 4019 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ, said the apartments would be 39 feet tall at the highest parapet. **Leal-Rubio** then asked if electrical car charging systems would be provided. **Sexton** replied yes, but the exact location had not been determined.

Commissioner Hamel asked if additional vehicle safety precautions would be put in place to prevent accidents if a vehicle leaves the levee road and lands in the proposed project area. **Sexton** replied there were no apartments being proposed near the levee road, only garages, and if an accident occurred the vehicle would collide with the garages. **Hamel** then asked if there would be a retaining wall built next to the proposed project. **Sexton** replied no, not at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Hamel, second by Leal-Rubio, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-40158-2022 subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment A. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0) with two absent.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

QUESTIONS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Staff

None

Administrative Approvals

None

National Heritage Area

None

Commission

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chairman