

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ER 2020-01) (SCH NO. 2021030580) FOR PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2019-63 (TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 37854 AND COMMERCIAL DESIGN REVIEW NO. 2019-24)

Whereas, Shahin Motamed Hashemi, Lakeview Centre, LLC has filed an application with the City of Lake Elsinore (City) requesting approval of Planning Application No. 2019-63 (Tentative Parcel Map No. 37854 and Commercial Design Review No. 2019-24) to subdivide the 3.9-acre vacant site into four (4) parcels ranging in size from 0.48 acres to 1.49 acres. The project also proposes to construct a neighborhood retail center with four (4) buildings ranging in size from 3,480 sq. ft. to 15,600 sq. ft. (approximately 43,120 sq. ft. in total) with 207 parking spaces, including 12 accessible spaces and 29 compact spaces and related improvements. The project site is located north of Lakeshore Drive, northwest of Manning Street, and southwest of Ryan Avenue (APNs 375-092-002, 375-092-003, 375-092-004, 375-092-005, and 375-092-006); and,

Whereas, the project is subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq.: "CEQA") and the State Implementation Guidelines for CEQA (14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000, et seq.: "CEQA Guidelines") because the Project involves an activity which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and involves the issuance of a lease, permit license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies (Public Resources Code Section 21065); and,

Whereas, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, the City conducted an Initial Study to determine if the project would have a significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study revealed that the project would have potentially significant environmental impacts but those potentially significant impacts could be mitigated to less than significant levels; and,

Whereas, based upon the results of the Initial Study (Environmental Review No. 2020-01), and based upon the standards set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15070, it was determined that it was appropriate to prepare and circulate a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project; and,

Whereas, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, on March 29, 2021, the City duly issued a notice of intent to adopt the MND; and,

Whereas, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073, the MND was made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days beginning on March 29, 2021, and ending on April 28, 2021; and,

Whereas, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the project has been prepared in accordance with Section 21081.6 of CEQA; and,

Whereas, the Planning Commission (Commission) has been delegated with the responsibility of making recommendations to the City Council (Council) for adopting MNDs; and,

Whereas, on May 18, 2021 at a duly noticed Public Hearing the Commission has considered evidence presented by the Community Development Department and other interested parties with respect to this item.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into these findings by this reference.

Section 2: The Commission has evaluated all comments, written and oral, received from persons who have reviewed the MND. The Commission hereby finds and determines that all public comments have been addressed.

Section 3: The Commission hereby finds that the MND for the project is adequate and has been completed in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and the City's procedures for implementation of CEQA; and recommends to the Council that it make the same finding. The Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND and finds that the MND represents the independent judgment of the City.

Section 4: The Commission further finds and determines that none of the circumstances listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5 requiring recirculation of the MND are present and that it would be appropriate to recommend adoption the MND as proposed to the Council.

Section 5: The Commission hereby makes, adopts, and incorporates the following findings regarding the potential environmental impacts of the project and the analysis and conclusions set forth in the MND:

1. Revisions in the Project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the applicant before a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study was released for public review and mitigation measures set forth in the Initial Study would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur.

Based upon the Initial Study conducted for the project, there is substantial evidence suggesting that all potential impacts to the environment resulting from the project can be mitigated to less than significant levels. All appropriate and feasible mitigation has been incorporated into the project design. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) contains an implementation program for each mitigation measure. After implementation of the mitigation contained in the MMRP, potential environmental impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels.

2. There is no substantial evidence, in the light of the whole record before the agency including the initial study and any comments received, that the Project will have significant effect on the environment.

Pursuant to the evidence received, including comment letters, and in the light of the whole record presented, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of the mitigation measures identified in the MMRP.

Section 6: Based upon the evidence presented, the above findings, and the conditions of approval imposed upon the project, the Commission hereby recommends that the Council adopt

MND (ER 2020-01 SCH No. 2021030580) and the MMRP, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A1", for Planning Application No. 2019-63 (Tentative Parcel Map No. 37854 and Commercial Design Review No. 2019-24).

Section 7: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and Adopted on this 18th day of May, 2021.

Rendell Klaarenbeek, Chairman

Attest:

Justin Kirk,
Assistant Community Development Director

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE)

I, Justin Kirk, Assistant Community Development Director of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2021-__ was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, at a regular meeting held May 18, 2021 and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Justin Kirk,
Assistant Community Development Director