

GRAND JUNCTION PLANNING COMMISSION
June 22, 2021 MINUTES
5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Andrew Teske.

Those present were Planning Commissioners; Chair Andrew Teske, George Gatseos, Ken Scissors, Andrea Haitz, and Sandra Weckerly.

Also present were Jamie Beard (Assistant City Attorney), David Thornton (Principal Planner), Kristen Ashbeck (Principal Planner), and Felix Landry (Planning Supervisor).

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Scissors moved to adopt Consent Agenda Item #1. Commissioner Gatseos seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) from June 8, 2021.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. CMU Master Plan Amendment

File # FMP-2021-279

Amend Ordinance 4754 amending the Institutional and Civic Facility Master Plan for Colorado Mesa University (CMU) to include a larger area for campus expansion to which administrative right-of-way vacations apply, Located at 1100 North Avenue.

Staff Presentation

Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner, introduced exhibits into the record and provided a presentation regarding the request.

Questions for Staff

Commissioner Gatseos asked a question regarding the administrative review process.

Applicant Presentation

Derek Wagner, representing Colorado Mesa University, made a statement regarding the request.

Questions for Applicant

None.

Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 via www.GJSpeaks.org.

The following made comments about the request: Gerald Bigley, Ken Bassinger, Jim Kagle, Laura Baytower, and Philip Geurin.

The following made comments regarding the request on GJSpeaks: Bradley G. Davenport and Steve Allerton.

The public hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m. on May 11, 2021.

Applicant Response to Comment

Mr. Wagner responded to public comment.

Questions for Applicant/Staff

Commissioner Gatseos made a comment in support of the request.

Commissioner Hartz asked a question regarding a comment submitted via GJSpeaks and concerns brought up by North Avenue business owners.

Motion and Vote

Commissioner Gatseos made the following motion, "Chairman, on the Amended Institutional and Civic Facility Master Plan for Colorado Mesa University, FMP-2021-279, I move that the Planning Commission forward to the City Council a recommendation of approval with the findings of facts and conclusions and conditions stated in the staff report."

Commissioner Scissors seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Other Business

None.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at Scissors motioned to adjourn, Weckerly seconded, meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.