



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting format of the Development Review Committee has been temporarily modified to protect the residents, property owners, applicants, staff, and appointed officials. This change is in accordance with the “Safer at Home” Order, Executive Order N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings. To further reduce the spread of COVID-19, all DRC review and determination authority was temporarily delegated to the Community Development Director pursuant to City Council Urgency Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2020-06U).

Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting by emailing public comments to planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us before or during the meeting, and was read by the planning staff during public comment. Any lengthy public comments were summarized in the interest of time.

All parties that provided public comment on any items were notified of the decision and the appeal process.

CONVENE: Chair Jimenez convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Development Review Committee on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. electronically via video conference. In attendance were Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo, Senior Planner John Mayer, Associate Planner Teresa Santilena, Assistant Planner Austin Arnold, Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie, and Planning Technician Brenda Quezada.

ROLL CALL: Community Development Director Craig Jimenez was in attendance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH-1 ME2021-0012

DR2021-0014; Design Review and Minor Exception; 463 North Canyon Boulevard, John and Kathryn Tassinari, Applicant

Senior Planner John Mayer presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director Jimenez opened the public hearing and asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Community Development Director Jimenez discussed various aspects of the application and asked additional questions of staff.

Following discussion Community Development Director Jimenez approved Minor Exception ME2021-0012 and Design Review DR2021-0014 with Conditions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**AR-1 AR2021-0015, Administrative Review; 204 West Foothill Boulevard, Brian Whelan for Foothill Gym, Applicant**

Associate Planner Teresa Santilena presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director Craig Jimenez asked if public comments were received. Comments from five residents were received pertaining to the item.

1. James Melovich, resident of Linwood Court Townhomes called to say that he was opposed to the 5:00 a.m. hours and that "6 o'clock is fine the way it is now". Staff called to clarify that the gym already opens at 5:00 a.m. Resident remains opposed.
2. Paul Bockhorst, president of HOA wrote to say that they are generally pleased with the gym's efforts to adhere to the conditions but is requesting amended hours of operations and suggests that the review be conducted in 150 days, rather than 90 days.
3. Resident of Linwood Court Townhomes wrote to say that she is still nervous and ill because of the period of time when the gym was functioning outdoors. She noted that the outdoor light shines into her home and would advocate for a taller and more permanent wall to be installed along the south and west property lines. She stated that it is much better and quieter since the gym moved indoors.
4. Julia Luna, resident of Linwood Court Townhomes wrote to say that she also supports changing the hours of operations. She says that noise, garbage, speeding cars and cars parked on the street remain.
5. Pastor Karen M. Erickson, resident of Linwood Court Townhomes wrote to say that issues remain, including gym patrons listening to loud music and drinking in their cars, the lack of taller sound walls, the bus stop being moved, windows and doors being open, and the late hours of operations.

Following discussion Community Development Director Jimenez noted that Foothill Gym has made significant progress toward implementing the Conditions of Approval related to CUP2021-0005 and requested a second review in 90-day to allow the business additional opportunity to address all outstanding items.

AR-2 SIGN2021-0019, Sign Review; 720 East Huntington Drive, Michelle Freeman, Applicant

Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director Craig Jimenez asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

Following discussion Community Development Director Jimenez approved Sign Review SIGN2021-0019 as presented.

AR-3 SIGN2021-0023, Sign Review; 501 West Huntington Drive, Heechul Park, Applicant

Planning Technician Brenda Quezada presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director Craig Jimenez asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

Following discussion Community Development Director Jimenez approved Sign Review SIGN2021-0023 as presented.

REPORTS FROM STAFF: None

ADJOURNMENT: Community Development Director Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Craig Jimenez, AICP, Chair
Monrovia Development Review Committee

Sheri Bermejo, Secretary
Monrovia Development Review Committee