

**DRAFT - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2017:**

**17-127SUP Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on a Specific Use Permit Request for Indoor Commercial Amusement (Exit Plan), Located at 218 East Louisiana Street**

Mr. Brian Lockley, Director of Planning for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed specific use permit. He stated that the applicant is requesting a specific use permit in order to operate an escape room adventure business (Exit Plan) as an indoor commercial amusement at 218 E. Louisiana Street. Mr. Lockley stated that the zoning of the property was “MTC” – McKinney Town Center Zoning District that requires that a specific use permit be granted in order for an indoor commercial amusement to be operated on the subject property. He stated that the “MTC” – McKinney Town Center Zoning District was intended to implement the Town Center Master Plan, which calls for pedestrian oriented, mixed-use, urban infill redevelopment, providing shopping, employment, housing, and business and personal services. Mr. Lockley stated that this is achieved by promoting an efficient, compact and walkable development pattern. He stated that the proposed indoor commercial amusement use would not affect the exterior of the building. Mr. Lockley stated that Staff recommended approval of the proposed specific use permit and offered to answer questions. There were none.

Mr. Elliott Collins, 2825 Summer Tree Lane, McKinney, TX, explained he was eager to get started on this proposed use and offered to answer questions.

Chairman Cox asked for clarification on an escape room. Mr. Collins stated that the participants go into a room, figure out riddles and clues that leads them into another room, and they do this until they make it through the whole course. He stated that they

were not actually locked in where they could not exit if needed. Mr. Collins stated that it was a fun experience. He stated that his friend runs a similar business in Virginia that has been very successful.

Chairman Cox opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Commission Member Mantzey, seconded by Commission Member McCall, the Commission unanimously voted to close the public hearing and recommend approval of the proposed specific use permit as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 6-0-0.

Chairman Cox stated that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be forwarded to the City Council meeting on June 6, 2017.