

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
April 28, 2010  
Council Chamber, City Hall  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>Present This Meeting:</b>	<b>Present to Date:</b>	<b>FY: 2009/2010 Absences:</b>
Tracy Conrad	X	12	7
Doug Donenfeld*	X	19	0
Doug Hudson	X	16	1
Leslie Munger	X	13	4
Bill Scott		17	2
Jon Caffery, Vice Chair		15	4
Leo Cohen, Chair	X	17	2

\*Commissioner Donenfeld arrived at 1:47 p.m.

**REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda was available for public access at the City Hall exterior bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber) and the Planning Services counter by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

M/S/C (Leslie Munger/Doug Hudson, 4-0, 3 absent/Bill Scott/ Vice Chair Caffery/ Doug Donenfeld) To accept the agenda, as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chair Cohen opened public comments:

-Joyce Einer, Palm Springs, spoke in reference to Item 2B; she expressed opposition to the rooftop patio because of the loss of privacy to her backyard.

There being no further appearances public comments was closed.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

M/S/C (Leslie Munger/Doug Hudson, 4-0, 3 absent/Bill Scott/ Vice Chair Caffery/ Doug Donenfeld) To approve Item 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**1A. Minutes of April 14, 2010.**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**1B. Case 3.3118 MAJ Time Extension - A request by Desert Son-Shine School for a one-year time extension for a previously approved project consisting of a one-story, 9,863 square foot child care center located at 2022 Sahara Road, Zone P, Section 1. (Project Planner: Glenn Mlaker, AICP, Assistant Planner)**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**1C. Case 3.3141 SFR Time Extension - A request by Marshall Innis for a one-year time extension for a previously approved project consisting of a 6,855 square foot single-family residence on a hillside lot located at 240 Ridge Mountain Drive, Zone 0-20, Section 27. (Project Planner: Glenn Mlaker, AICP, Assistant Planner)**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**1D. Case 5.1238 SNC / 5.1244 SNC / 5.1245 SNC - A request by the Palm Springs Unified School District to change three street names: Chase Place, Field View & Foster Vista to District Center Drive. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**2A. Case SP 10-001 / HSPB 55 - A request by Lyle Commercial to implement a sign program to facilitate any new signage for the property located at 101-121 South Palm Canyon Drive, Zone CBD, Section 15. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)**

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 28, 2010.

-Alex Meyerhoff, Escalante Architects, stated that the AAC and HSPB recommendations were taken seriously; and was available for questions from the Commission.

M/S/C (Tracy Conrad/Doug Donenfeld, 5-0, 2 absent/Bill Scott/ Vice Chair Caffery) To approve the Sign Program dated April 27, 2010, subject to Conditions of Approval.

**2B. Case 3.2795 SFR Revision - A request by Schultz Family Trust to incorporate a rooftop view patio into a previously approved single-family residence located at 587 Camino Calidad, Zone R-1-A, Section 22. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)**

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 28, 2010.

-Ray Ryans, representing the applicant, provided details pertaining to the height of the rooftop patio and the simulated views to the adjacent neighbors. Mr. Ryans was available for questions from the Commission.

-Frances Chung, Palm Springs, spoke in opposition of the rooftop patio; she expressed concern with the loss of privacy to the adjacent properties.

Commissioner Donenfeld concluded that the rooftop patio is disruptive to the adjacent properties and is not harmonious to the existing homes.

M/S/C (Doug Donenfeld/Leslie Munger, 5-0, 2 absent/Bill Scott/ Vice Chair Caffery) To deny Case 3.2795 SFR Revision.

Mr. Robertson noted that a resolution of denial would be coming forward to the Commission. He reported that this action may be appealed to the City Council within 10 days.

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioners Hudson and Munger noted their absence for the meeting of May 12th.

The Commission and staff discussed several ways of expediting the meeting. Chair Cohen concurred to direct the public, at the beginning of the meeting, to sign in if they will be providing public comment.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Robertson reported that the May 5<sup>th</sup> Study Session would not be held. He also noted that Com Dyn has filed an appeal to the City Council and has been tentatively scheduled for the meeting of May 19th.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 2:39 p.m. to Wednesday, May 12, 2010, City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.

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Craig A. Ewing, AICP  
Director of Planning Services