



## Planning Commission Staff Report

Date: June 23, 2010

Case No.: 5.1238 SNC, 5.1244 SNC & 5.1245 SNC

Type: Street Name Change

Location: Three streets – Chase Place, Field View & Foster Vista – located in an undeveloped industrial tract that is between Gene Autry Trail, San Joaquin Drive, Mission Drive and the Escena Development

Applicant: Palm Springs Unified School District

General Plan: Local Streets

From: Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services

Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner

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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed request by the Palm Springs Unified School District is to change three street names: Chase Place, Field View and Foster Vista to District Center Drive. All three streets are unimproved and located east of Gene Autry Trail, north of Mission Drive, west of San Joaquin Drive and south of the Escena project.

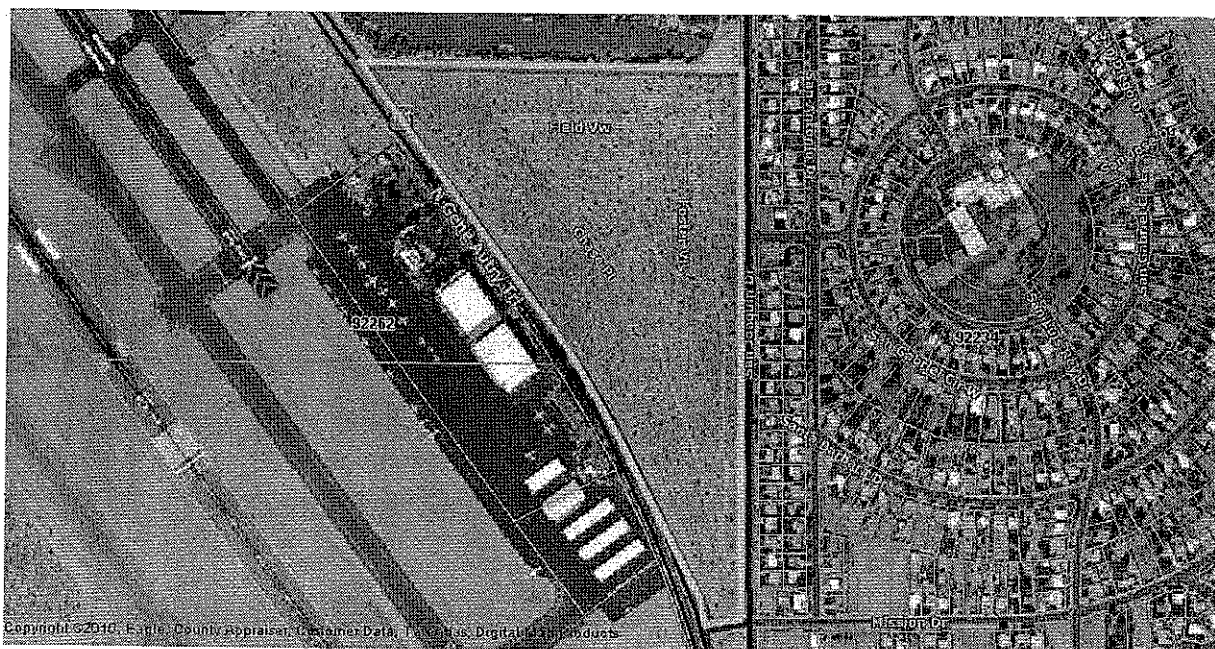
### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council the adoption of three street name changes: Chase Place, Field View and Foster Vista, to District Center Drive.

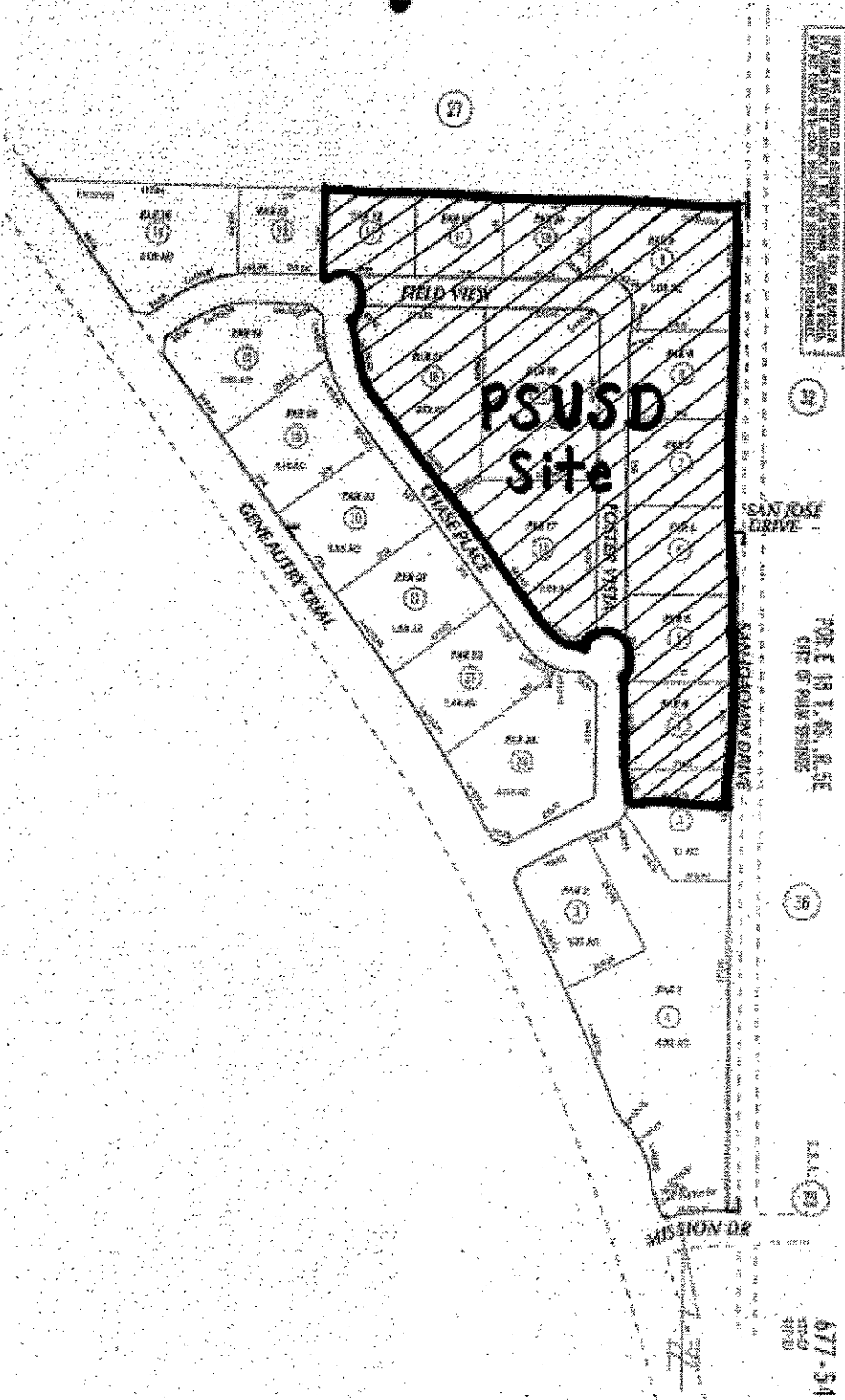
### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff received three name change requests from the Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) for three streets within a vacant industrial tract that is located east of Gene Autry Trail, north of Mission Drive, west of San Joaquin Drive and south of the Escena project. The three streets – Chase Place, Field View and Foster Vista – were

created as part of an industrial subdivision that was recorded in 2002 and have not been improved as of yet.



This request is in conjunction with the PSUSD's proposed development in this 41.58-acre tract. PSUSD owns approximately 20 acres in the northeastern portion of the industrial subdivision and is proposing to develop approximately 12.3 acres of the site (see next page). The development will provide facilities for virtually all maintenance and operations functions for the District. Shops, offices, warehousing, food service production facilities, fleet storage and vehicle maintenance shops, and both outdoor and indoor storage and warehousing needs are included.



### **ANALYSIS:**

The process of changing a street's name is governed by Chapter 14.08 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code (PSMC). This chapter requires a petition signed by adjacent property owners, a resolution of intention to change the street name, a publication in a newspaper, and a posting on the said street(s), prior to Planning Commission recommendation and City Council action.

Pursuant to Section 14.08.110 of the PSMC, the Planning Commission may, for any reason it deems in the public interest and necessity, recommend to the City Council that a street name be changed. The recommendation may be made without complying with the above-mentioned process.

The only two property owners abutting the three streets have authorized the street name change requests. None of the said streets have been improved and none of street signs have been installed. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission make a recommendation to the City Council that the street names be changed.

### **REQUIRED FINDING:**

Prior to recommending approval to the Council, the Planning Commission must find that the said request is in the public interest and necessity. The street name requested – District Center Drive – is relative to the School District's Operation Center, which will be fronting a large portion of the street in the industrial tract. Therefore, staff believes it will be in the public interest to rename the three streets for ease of access and way finding.

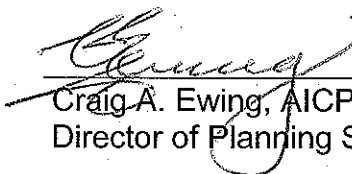
### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the project has been determined to be Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3)(General Rule). The project has no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment.



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### **Attachments:**

- Letter of Request
- Draft Resolution
- PSMC Chapter 14.08 – "Street Name Changes"
- Posting of Resolution of Intention

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Re: Street Name Change

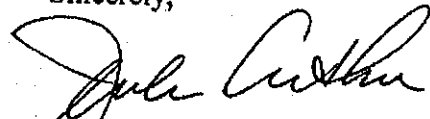
Dear Mr. Ewing,

The Palm Springs Unified School District is working on a project, Case No. 3.3398 – MAJ located east of Gene Autry Trail, north of Mission Drive, west of San Joaquin Drive and south of the Escena Project at “150 Chase Place”. The district is proposing a street name change from “Chase Place, Field View, and Foster Vista” to “District Center Drive”.

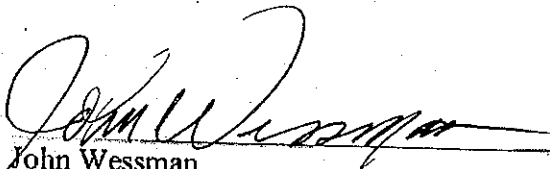
Per city regulations, at least 60% of the property owners of the lineal frontage abutting the street affected must agree to the change. The only other property owner, Mr. John Wessman, concurs with the change and has signed this letter in his support.

Should you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Sincerely,



Julie Arthur  
Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development



John Wessman  
President, Wessman Development

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PLANNING SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, FOR A RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE STREET NAMES OF CHASE PLACE, FIELD VIEW & FOSTER VISTA TO DISTRICT CENTER DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Springs Unified School District (Applicant) has filed applications (Case No. 5.1238 SNC, 5.1244 SNC & 5.1245 SNC) pursuant to Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code for street name changes from Chase Place, Field View and Foster Vista to District Center Drive; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2010, the Planning Commission held a public meeting for the said street name change; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any other parts of Municipal Code, the Planning Commission may, for any reason it deems in the public interest and necessity, recommend to the City Council that a street name be changed. Said recommendation may be made without complying with the requirements of Sections 14.08.020 through 14.08.080; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is not considered a "project" pursuant to the terms of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and has been determined to be Exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has carefully reviewed and considered all of the evidence presented in connection with the review of the project, including, but not limited to, the staff report, and all written and oral testimony presented.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the project has been determined to be Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3)(General Rule). The project has no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment.

Section 2: Pursuant to Municipal Code 14.08.110, the street name, District Center Drive, is relative to the Palm Springs Unified School District's Operation Center, which will be fronting a large portion of the street in the industrial tract. Therefore, it will be in the public interest to rename the three streets for ease of access and way finding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council approves the changing of Chase Place, Field View and Foster Vista to District Center Drive.

ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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Director of Planning Services

## Chapter 14.08

## STREET NAME CHANGES

## Sections:

- 14.08.010** Petition for initiation of street name change.
- 14.08.020** Initiation of petition.
- 14.08.030** Application fee.
- 14.08.040** Director's examination.
- 14.08.050** Adoption of resolution of intention.
- 14.08.060** Publication.
- 14.08.070** Posting.
- 14.08.080** Commission hearing.
- 14.08.090** Commission recommendation.
- 14.08.100** Council action.
- 14.08.110** Commission recommendation without petition and hearing.

- 14.08.010** Petition for initiation of street name change.

Any person may initiate a street name change for any reason consistent with law, by complying with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 914 § 10 (part), 1971: prior code § 7601)

- 14.08.020** Initiation of petition.

A proposed change of street name may be initiated by filing with the planning commission an application in the form prescribed by the director of community development and signed by the owners of at least sixty percent of the lineal frontage abutting the street to be affected. (Prior code § 7611)

- 14.08.030** Application fee.

The application shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount established by resolution of the city council, in order to defray the costs of publishing, posting, and processing, as hereinafter prescribed. (Ord. 914 § 10 (part), 1971: prior code § 7621)

- 14.08.040** Director's examination.

The director of community development shall examine the application and determine the sufficiency of same as to the percentage requirement of Section 14.08.020. (Prior code § 7631)

- 14.08.050** Adoption of resolution of intention.

Upon determination of the sufficiency of the petition, the commission shall adopt a resolution of intention to change name and set a date for public hearing not less than thirty days from the date of adoption of the resolution. (Prior code § 7641)

- 14.08.060** Publication.

The director of community development shall provide for at least one publication of resolution of intention in a newspaper of general circulation within the city at least fifteen days prior to the hearing date. (Prior code § 7651)

- 14.08.070** Posting.

The director of community development shall provide for posting copies of the resolution of intention in at least three public places along the street proposed to be affected. The posting shall be completed at least ten days prior to the hearing date. (Prior code § 7661)

- 14.08.080** Commission hearing.

At the time set for hearing, or at any time to which the hearing may be continued, the commission shall hear and consider proposals to adjust, alter or change the names of the streets mentioned in the resolution, and objections to the proposals. (Prior code § 7671)

- 14.08.090** Commission recommendation.

At or after the conclusion of the hearing, the commission may make any recommendation to the city council which the commission deems appropriate. In its deliberations the commission shall consider any applicable specific plans in effect pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65450 et seq. (Ord. 914 § 10 (part), 1971: prior code § 7681)

- 14.08.100** Council action.

The city council may, pursuant to California Government Code Section 34091.1, take such action as it deems appropriate upon the recommendation of the commission, and failure to take action within sixty days after submission of the commission's recommendation shall be



14.08.110

deemed denial of the application. (Ord. 914 § 10 (part), 1971; prior code § 7691)

**14.08.110 Commission recommendation  
without petition and hearing.**

Notwithstanding any other parts of this code, the commission may, for any reason it deems in the public interest and necessity, recommend to the city council that a street name be changed. Said recommendation may be made without complying with the requirements of Sections 14.08.020 through 14.08.080. Said recommendation shall be in the form of a resolution of the commission directed to the city council. Thereafter the city council shall take such action as it deems appropriate. (Prior code § 7701)

