

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Caffery called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>Present This Meeting:</b>	<b>Present to Date:</b>	<b>FY: 2010 / 2011 Absences:</b>
Tracy Conrad	X	1	2
Doug Donenfeld	X	3	0
Doug Hudson	X	3	0
Philip Klatchko	X	3	0
Leslie Munger	X	3	0
Bill Scott, Vice Chair	X	2	1
Jon Caffery, Chair	X	3	0

**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, July 22, 2010.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

M/S/C (Doug Donenfeld/Leslie Munger, 7-0) To accept the agenda, as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chair Caffery opened public comments:

-Jono Hildner, Save our Mountains, chair, spoke in opposition to Item 2A (Desert Palisades) and urged the Commission to deny the project.

**(Public Comments cont'd)**

-Greg Day, representing Friends of the Palm Springs Mountains, spoke in opposition to Item 2A (Desert Palisades) and requested the project be reviewed under the Chino Cone Ordinance.

-Emily Hemphill, legal counsel for Desert Palisades, addressed the previous public testimony; and spoke about the benefits to the community and the environmental sensitivity of the project.

-Joan Martin, spoke in reference to Item 2A (Desert Palisades), expressed concern with sensitivity of the hillside area and the construction problems associated with the adjacent development (Tuscany Heights).

-Frank Tysen, urged preservation of the mountains and hillsides.

No further appearances coming forward public comments was closed.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

M/S/C (Vice Chair Scott/Doug Donenfeld, 7-0) To accept the Consent Calendar, with the abstentions noted.

**1A. Minutes of June 2, June 9, June 23 and July 7, 2010.**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

Abstained: Conrad, Klatcho and Caffery, Minutes of June 2, 2010  
Klatchko and Munger, Minutes of June 9, 2010  
Klatchko, Minutes of Junes 23, 2010  
Conrad, Minutes of July 7, 2010

**1B. Case 36318 TPM - A request by ERETZ CNRC Properties, LLC for a parcel map waiver to subdivide one lot into two parcels for the property located at 2299 North Indian Canyon Drive, Zone R2, Section 3. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2A. Case 5.1154 Desert Palisades Specific Plan, Change of Zone and TTM 35540. A request by Pinnacle View, LLC, for approval of a Specific Plan,**

**Tentative Tract Map and Change of Zone for a subdivision of approximately 117-acres for 110 home sites, open space, private roads, public trails and a DWA dual tank reservoir located at the western end of Racquet Club, near Tram Way, Planning Area 4 of the ESA-SP Zone (Chino Cone). (Project Planner: Ken Lyon, Associate Planner) (Continued from the June 23, 2010 Planning Commission meeting; public comments closed.)**

Commissioner Klatchko explained that this project came before the Commission prior to his appointment and stated that he watched the recorded meeting of the public hearing and reviewed the staff report of June 23, 2010.

Ken Lyon, Associate Planner, provided an overview on the Commission's previously raised questions and concerns, as outlined in the staff memorandum dated July 28, 2010.

The Commission gave direction on each item of concern and requested staff provide a "track change" version of the specific plan incorporating their changes.

Director Ewing encouraged the Commission to contact staff with any additional questions or concerns.

M/S/C (Vice Chair Scott/Doug Hudson, 7-0) To continue to a date certain of September 1, 2010.

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hudson requested a joint meeting with the Architectural Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Munger suggested adding "Planning Commission" as a part of the AAC's title to the agendas and minutes.

Commissioner Hudson requested the discussion of cell towers for an upcoming study session.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Ewing provided an update on the City Council meeting scheduled for tonight. He noted that the City Council and Planning Commission will not meet during the month of August.

Staff noted that the October study session would consist of several zone text amendments and the joint meeting with the AAC.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 3:18 p.m. to Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.

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Craig A. Ewing, AICP  
Director of Planning Services

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