

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
October 13, 2010
Council Chamber, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	FY: 2010/2011 Absences:
Tracy Conrad		4	4
Doug Donenfeld	X	8	0
Doug Hudson	X	8	0
Philip Klatchko	X	8	0
Leslie Munger	X	5	3
Bill Scott, Vice Chair	X	7	1
Jon Caffery, Chair		7	1

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, October 7, 2010.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Scott opened public comments and with no appearances coming forward public comments was closed.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Klatchko requested that the minutes of September 22, 2010 include his abstention on Item 1B, Case 5.1091 PD 324 (Port Lawrence) due to a potential conflict of interest. Staff noted that no discussion was held on the item on September 22, 2010, and that there was no concern with Commissioner's Klatchko's requested change.

1A. Minutes of September 22, 2010.

M/S/C (Doug Donenfeld/Leslie Munger, 5-0, 2 absent Tracy Conrad/ Chair Caffery) To approve, the minutes of September 22, 2010, as amended.

2. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:

2A. Case 3.3331 SFR / 7.1347 AMM - An application by Hal J. Hall representing Peter Halper (owner), for architectural approval to construct a new 5,299 square-foot single-family residence with an accessory living quarter on a hillside lot located at 700 West Ramon Road, Zone R-1-A, Section 15. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 13, 2010.

Staff confirmed that two separate notifications were sent out to the adjacent property owners and no comments have been received.

-Hal Hall, representing H & H Construction, provided details on the building height of the adjacent properties and the proposed landscaping.

M/S/C (Doug Hudson/Doug Donenfeld, 5-0, 2 absent Tracy Conrad/ Chair Caffery) To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval.

2B. Case SP 10-006 - An application by Best Signs, Inc. to implement a sign program for the commercial complex located at 111 South Sunrise Way, Zone RA (Resort Attraction - Section 14 Specific Plan). (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 13, 2010.

Commissioner Hudson expressed concern with the placement of the monument sign on Sunrise Way because of the possibility of it obstructing the view of traffic from vehicles exiting southbound onto Sunrise Way.

-Jim Cross, representing Best Signs, spoke about the monument sign placement and requested a provision be added to the sign program to allow for multiple tenants in the future.

M/S/C (Philip Klatchko/Doug Hudson, 5-0, 2 absent Tracy Conrad/ Chair Caffery) To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval, as amended:

-Prior to issuance of any sign permits, the applicant shall submit a revised sign program that shows the Sunrise Way monument sign on the south side of the property entry driveway. The monument sign shall be located outside of the safety corner cutback area, subject to review by the Department of Public Works.

Director Ewing reported that this action may be appealed to the City Council within 10 working days.

2C. Case 3.3368 MAA - An application by La Luz Del Mundo Church for approval of new parking lot and new landscape plan at 3989 North Indian Canyon Drive, Zone C-1, Section 34. (Project Planner: Glenn Mlaker, AICP, Assistant Planner)

Glenn Mlaker, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 13, 2010.

-John Rivera, project architect, responded to questions from the Commission pertaining to the reduction of parking from 26 to 24 spaces.

Commissioner Hudson stated that this project has been improving throughout the year and will be a beneficial addition to the neighborhood.

M/S/C (Doug Hudson/Doug Donenfeld, 5-0, 2 absent Tracy Conrad/ Chair Caffery) To approve amendment to Case 3.3368 MAA, subject to the revised Conditions of Approval for Case 5.1109 CUP adopted on August 25, 2004.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS: None reported.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Ewing reported that the Desert Palisades project will return to the Commission on October 27, 2010 and the City Council meeting scheduled for October 20th has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 2:26 p.m. to Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services