

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
November 10, 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:	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	FY: 2010 / 2011 Absences:
Tracy Conrad		5	6
Doug Donenfeld	X	11	0
Doug Hudson	X	11	0
Philip Klatchko	X	11	0
Leslie Munger	X	7	4
Bill Scott, Vice Chair	X	10	1
Jon Caffery, Chair	X	10	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, November 4, 2010.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Hudson requested Item 1B pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

The agenda was accepted, as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Caffery opened the public comments portion of the meeting; and with no appearances coming forward public comments was closed.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C (Vice Chair Scott/Leslie Munger, 6-0, 1 absent/Tracy Conrad) To approve, Item 1A as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 1A. Case 5.1160 / PD 341 - A request by Nexus Development for a one-year time extension for a previously approved mixed-use development consisting of two hotels up to 306 rooms, retail / restaurant and office space located at 3001 East Tahquitz Canyon, Zone PD 341, Section 14. (Project Planner: Glenn Mlaker, AICP, Assistant Planner)**

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

(This Item was heard out of order.)

- 1B. Case 5.0856 CUP - A request by Palm Springs Freeway Development LLC, for a one-year time extension for a previously approved Conditional Use Permit for a 65-unit hotel with two drive-thru restaurants located at 610 West Garnet Avenue, Zone M-1-P, Section 15. (Project Planner: Glenn Mlaker, AICP, Assistant Planner)**

Commissioner Hudson noted that since the original approval date was back in 2001 he requested to view the site plans for this project.

Commissioner Munger noted her abstention and would not be participating in the discussion or vote. She left the Council Chamber at 1:42 p.m.

M/S/C (Vice Chair Scott/Philip Klatchko, 5-0, 1 absent/Tracy Conrad, 1 abstained/Leslie Munger) To approve a one-year time extension from August 13, 2010 to August 12, 2011.

Commissioner Munger re-entered the Council Chamber at 1:43 p.m.

2. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 2A. Case SI 10-093 - An application by Mercedes Benz of Palm Springs requesting approval of a main wall sign that exceeds fifty square feet in size for the remodeled automobile dealership at 4095 East Palm Canyon Drive, Zone C-2, Section 30. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)**

David Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 10, 2010. Mr. Newell noted that there is no additional main

sign area to allow the existing "Service Sign" and staff has included a condition of approval that this sign be eliminated from the application.

M/S/C (Doug Donenfeld/Vice Chair Scott, 6-0, 1 absent/Tracy Conrad) To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

3A. Case 5.1052 / TTM 33334 - An application by Hunter Holdings, LLC, for the approval of Tentative Tract Map 33334 for a previously approved mixed-use development within the existing Racquet Club of Palm Springs located at 2743 North Indian Drive, Zone PDD 313, Section 3. (Project Planner: Edward Robertson, Principal Planner)

Commissioner Klatchko noted a business related conflict of interest and would not be participating in the discussion and vote. He excused himself from the remainder of the meeting and left the Council Chamber at 1:44 p.m.

Edward Robertson, Principal Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 10, 2010.

Chair Caffery opened the public hearing:

-Mike Mueler, project architect, provided details on the renovation, conversion and expansion of the historic Racquet Club.

-Art Tuffs, Colony Homeowners Association at the Racquet Club (president), spoke in support of the project.

There being no further appearances the public hearing was closed.

M/S/C (Doug Hudson/Leslie Munger, 5-0, 1 absent/Tracy Conrad, 1 abstained/ Philip Klatchko) To approve Tentative Tract Map 33334 to the City Council, subject to the attached findings and revised Conditions of Approval.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

None reported.

PLANNING DIRECTORS REPORT:

Staff reminded the Commission that no Planning Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 24th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 1:55 p.m. to Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services

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