

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 23, 2011
Council Chamber, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Caffery called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	FY: 2010 / 2011 Absences:
Tracy Conrad	X	11	7
Doug Hudson	X	16	2
Philip Klatchko		17	1
Leslie Munger	X	14	4
Doug Donenfeld, Vice Chair	X	18	0
Jon Caffery, Chair	X	17	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 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Munger noted her abstention on Item 2A, Case 5.1201 CUP AMND, and would not be participating in the discussion and vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1A. Minutes of January 26, 2011 and February 2, 2011.

ACTION: To approve, minutes of January 26, 2011 and February 2, 2011. (Noting Commissioner Hudson's abstention on the minutes of February 2, 2011.) **Motion Doug Donenfeld, seconded by Leslie Munger and unanimously carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Leslie Munger, Tracy Conrad, Doug Donenfeld, Doug Hudson and Chair Caffery

NOES:

ABSENT: Philip Klatchko

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

2A. Case 5.1201 CUP AMND - A request by the Family of Love Church to amend a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to expand the church uses (religious institutions / assembly uses) within an existing industrial/manufacturing facility at 1301 Montalvo Way, Zone M-1-P. (Planner Ken Lyon, Associate Planner)

Commissioner Munger left the Council Chamber at 1:35 p.m.

Ken Lyon, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 23, 2011.

Chair Caffery opened the public hearing:

-Brooks Young, Bishop, requested approval of the project expansion and noted a financial hardship to the church pertaining to the planning fees.

-Gabriel Lujan, Lujan & Associates, referenced an approval letter received from staff and provided details on the church expansion.

-Brian Strahl, property manager, spoke in favor of the church expansion and requested approval.

-Anita Young, spoke about the positive impact the church provides to the community and requested the opportunity to continue the good work in the city.

-Doris Leonard, spoke about the church's involvement in the community and requested approval of the church expansion.

-Rochelle Leonard, stated that the church's ministry is to promote evangelism, missionary work and Christian education to the community.

-Javier Lopez, spoke about the unity of the congregation and requested

approval of the church expansion.

-Ofelia Seuls, stated that the church's mission is to meet spiritual needs and fight for the people; requested approval of the church expansion.

No further appearances coming forward the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Donenfeld requested staff clarify the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission's jurisdiction of land use. Director Ewing provided details on the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Master Plan (RCALUCMP).

ACTION: To approve Case 5.1201 CUP Amnd, and direct staff to work with the applicant to meet the standards imposed by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Master Plan (RALUCMP); and

-Bring back a Resolution of Approval.

-To delete Condition #2 from the original Conditional Use Permit approval, which states: *"This Conditional Use Permit shall be valid for five years from the approval date and, upon request by the applicant, may be extended by the Planning Commission upon finding that all conditions are being met."*

Motion Tracy Conrad, seconded by Doug Donenfeld and carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Tracy Conrad, Doug Donenfeld, Doug Hudson and Chair Caffery

NOES:

ABSENT: Philip Klatchko

ABSTAIN: Leslie Munger

Commissioner Munger returned to the dais at 2:25 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

None reported.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Ewing informed the Commission that on March 2, 2011, the City Council will conduct the 4th public workshop on the Desert Fashion Plaza to be held at the Convention Center. The public hearing for the College Park Specific Plan is scheduled for March 9, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 2:26 p.m. to March 9, 2011, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services

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