

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 08, 2012
Council Chamber, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	FY: 2011/2012 Absences:
Tracy Conrad	X	12	1
Philip Klatchko	X	9	4
Leslie Munger	X	11	2
J.R. Roberts	X	13	0
Doug Hudson, Vice Chair	X	10	3
Doug Donenfeld, Chair	X	13	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, February 2, 2012.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Donenfeld opened public comments:

-Charles Mader, expressed concern with the trailer at the Port Lawrence site and requested it be removed.

-Frank Tysen, spoke in reference to Item 2A, commented about deferral of the sign program amendment.

-John Caglia, applicant, Item 2A, requested the Rite Aid project continue forward as presented.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: To approve, Items 1A and 1B, as a part of the Consent Calendar.

Motion J.R. Roberts, seconded by Tracy Conrad and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

AYES: Leslie Munger, Tracy Conrad, Philip Klatchko, J.R. Roberts, Chair
Donenfeld, Vice Chair Hudson

1A. Minutes of January 11, 2012

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

1B. 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 with up to 306 rooms, retail/restaurant and office space located at 3001 East Tahquitz Canyon, Zone PD 341, Section 14. (Project Planner: Edward O. Robertson, Principal Planner)

Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

2. OTHER BUSINESS:

2A. Case SP 10-006 AMEND - A request by Rite Aid for a sign program amendment to allow additional accessory and directional signage for the pharmacy building located at 111 South Sunrise Way, Zone RA, Section 14. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner) (Item was continued by Planning Commission on January 11, 2012.)

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 8, 2012.

ACTION: To approve, the revisions to the sign program amendment.

Motion J.R. Roberts, seconded by Vice Chair Hudson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

AYES: Leslie Munger, Tracy Conrad, Philip Klatchko, J.R. Roberts, Chair
Donenfeld, Vice Chair Hudson

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

3A. Case 5.1274 CUP - A request by Michele Cinque on behalf of The Shadow Family Trust for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a cocktail lounge located at 2100 North Palm Canyon Drive, Zoned C-1, Section 3. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 8, 2012.

Chairman Donenfeld opened the public hearing:

- Michele Cinque, applicant, spoke about their willingness to cooperate with the neighborhood and requested approval of the proposed CUP.
- Ken Jacobi, general manager, Toucans Lounge, requested clarification on the conditions for the patio fencing and parking lot lighting.
- Frederick, (adjacent building tenant), spoke in favor of the proposed CUP.

There being no further appearances the public hearing was closed.

The Commission commented and/or discussed:

- Imposing a two-year review on the CUP due to potential issues in the neighborhood;
- The difference between a full CUP review and a status update;
- The fees for a conditional use permit;

ACTION: To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval, as amended:

- Two years from the date of approval, the Planning Commission shall review a status update on the CUP to determine compliance with the conditions of approval.

Motion Tracy Conrad, seconded by Leslie Munger and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

AYES: Leslie Munger, Tracy Conrad, Philip Klatchko, J.R. Roberts, Chair
Donenfeld, Vice Chair Hudson

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Hudson announced that Modernism Week will begin next week and the star dedication for architect William Cody will be held on Friday, February 17, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. with an opening reception immediately following.

Commissioner Klatchko thanked Associate Planner Newell for the tables included in the staff report outlining the original proposed directional signage and the revised proposed signage.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Principal Planner Robertson provided an update on the upcoming planning items.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 2:14 p.m. to Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services