

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 25, 2012
Council Chamber, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	FY: 2012 / 2013 Absences:
Lyn Calerdine	X	2	0
Philip Klatchko	X	2	0
Leslie Munger	X	2	0
J.R. Roberts	X	2	0
Kathy Weremiuk	X	2	0
Doug Hudson, Vice Chair	X	2	0
Doug Donenfeld, Chair	X	2	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 19, 2012.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Weremiuk noted her abstention on the minutes of June 27, 2012.

The agenda was unanimously accepted, as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Donenfeld opened public comments:

-Michael Osborne, Donahue Schreiber Realty Group, commented on the revised engineering conditions of approval pertaining to Item 2A.

There being no further appearances; public comments was closed.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1A. Minutes of June 27, 2012.

ACTION: To approve the minutes of June 27, 2012, as presented.

Motion J.R. Roberts, seconded by Leslie Munger and carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Leslie Munger, Philip Klatchko, J.R. Roberts, Chair Donenfeld, Vice Chair Hudson, Lyn Calerdine

ABSTAIN: Kathy Weremiuk

2. OTHER BUSINESS:

2A. Case Eng. R12-007 - A request by Donahue Schreiber Management Company for the street vacation of an existing frontage road and install new landscaping in front of Coco's Restaurant along 1901 East Palm Canyon Drive; (Project Engineer, Felipe Primera, Engineering Assistant)

Commissioner Calerdine noted a business-related conflict of interest and would not be participating in the discussion. He left the Council Chamber at 1:34 p.m.

Chair Donenfeld disclosed ex-parte conversation with the applicant, Tracy Conrad, in reference to the revised engineering condition of approval.

Glenn Mlaker, Assistant Planner summarized the project as presented in the staff report dated July 25, 2012.

The Commission requested clarification on the reduction of the right-of-way, the meandering sidewalk connection and the exact location of the public sewer easement.

Staff noted that modifications to the Engineering draft conditions of approval were received today and provided further explanation.

ACTION: To approve the vacation of the existing frontage road along 1901 East Palm Canyon Drive subject to the attached conditions of approval; as amended:

ENG 15. The existing 8 inch sewer main in the frontage road is to remain in place with a 20 feet wide public sewer easement (centered on sewer main) dedicated to the City of Palm Springs. The public sewer easement shall be

shown on the landscape plan and no trees shall be planted within the easement.

~~ENG 17. Abandon the existing public sanitary sewer main located in the existing frontage road approximately 82 feet south of the centerline of E. Palm Canyon Drive. Construct the proposed sewer main in E. Palm Canyon Drive along the project frontage as required by the City Engineer. Submit sewer improvement plans prepared by a California registered civil engineer to the Engineering Division. The plans shall be approved by the City Engineer prior to issuance of any permit.~~

~~ENG 18. The on-site private sewer system shall connect to the proposed public sewer main with a standard lateral connection in accordance with City of Palm Springs Standard Drawing No. 405.~~

~~ENG 19. All sewer mains constructed by the developer and to become part of the City sewer system shall be digitally video recorded by the City prior to acceptance of the sewer system for maintenance by the City. Any defects of the sewer main shall be removed, replaced, or repaired to the satisfaction of the City Engineer prior to acceptance.~~

~~ENG 20. Upon completion of the construction of public sewer lines, an as-built drawing in digital format shall be provided to the City as required by the City Engineer, if the sewer was not constructed in accordance with the original approved sewer plans.~~

Motion J.R. Roberts, seconded by Leslie Munger and carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Leslie Munger, Philip Klatchko, J.R. Roberts, Chair Donenfeld, Vice Chair Hudson, Kathy Weremiuk

ABSTAIN: Lyn Calderine

Commissioner Calderine returned to the dais at 1:44 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Munger noted that she has made several visits to the Planning Department on a business matter and was very impressed with the exceptional customer service and friendly attitude.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Principal Planner Robertson wished everyone a safe and enjoyable August.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further comments the Planning Commission adjourned at 1:46 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services

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