

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: MARCH 6, 2013

Consent Calendar

SUBJECT:

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER TO ESTABLISH A SIGN

DISTRICT FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIGNAGE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER LOCATED AT 277 NORTH AVENIDA

CABALLEROS.

FROM:

David H. Ready, City Manager

BY:

Planning Services

SUMMARY

The City Council will consider a request by the Palm Springs Convention Center for a Special Sign District as allowed under the Palm Springs Zoning Code, Section 93.20.05(C)(8). The sign district will establish permanent and temporary signs on the Convention Center site and surrounding properties managed by the Convention Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

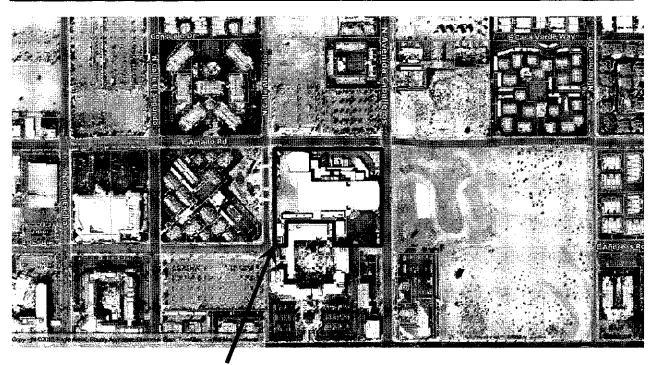
Adopt Resolution No. _____, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT (CASE SI 12-079) FOR THE PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER, LOCATED AT 277 NORTH AVENIDA CABALLEROS."

PRIOR ACTIONS:

On September 24, 2012, staff approved a reface of the existing monument sign located on the east side of the property located at 277 North Avenida Caballeros.

BACKGROUND:

The Palm Springs Convention Center underwent a \$32-million renovation nearly ten years ago, which included the addition of meeting and administrative space, relocating the facility entry to Calle Alvarado, reconfiguring and addition of parking spaces and enlarging loading and trash areas. At the southwest corner of Amado Road and Calle Alvarado, the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza was constructed in 2009. An aerial depicting the existing conditions is shown on the following page.



Convention Center

STAFF ANALYSIS:

According to the Palm Springs Zoning Code 93.20.5.C.8, "Special Sign Districts" may be established by the City Council, as follows:

8. Special Sign Districts.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the city council from adopting special sign districts as part of a specific plan, redevelopment plan, planned development district or the like when special sign provisions are necessary or appropriate to implement general plan provisions and goals.

The Convention Center is seeking approval to install an off-site monument sign in the Jackie Lee Houston Plaza along Amado Road and various on- and off-site temporary signs (e.g. banners, balloons, etc.) throughout the year for conventions. A summary of the proposed signage is found below.

Table 1: Permanent Main Signs

Signage	Quantity and Size Proposed	Consistent w/ PSZC (Deviations)
Monument sign along Avenida	Quantity: One	No
Caballeros (existing)	Height: 9 ft, 6 in	(Height – 8 ft. max.)
	Area: 112 sq. ft. per side	
Off-site monument sign along	Quantity: One	No
Amado Road in Jackie Lee	Height: 7 ft	(Off-site advertising prohibited)
Houston Plaza (proposed)	Area: 48 sq. ft. per side	

Table 2: Temporary Signs

Signage Type	Quantity, Size, Duration and Material Proposed	Consistent w/ PSZC (Deviations)
Banner		
South facing exterior wall of Oasis 4 (above doors)	Quantity: One Size: Up to 240 sq. ft. Duration: Up to 7 days, 5 times annually Material: Vinyl / Plastic	No (Size and duration)
East facing exterior wall of Oasis 4	Quantity: One Size: Up to 240 sq. ft. Duration: Up to 7 days, 5 times annually Material: Vinyl / Plastic	No (Size and duration)
Balloon		
East lot or lawn area	Quantity: One Size: Up to 50 ft in diameter Duration: Up to 7 days annually Material: Nylon / Plastic	No (Type)
Event Information Sign		
Southeast corner of Amado and Avenida Caballeros	Quantity: One Size: Up to 36 sq. ft. per side Duration: Up to 14 days, 5 times annually Material: Wood / Metal	No (Off-site advertising)
Inflatable (as a part of outdoo	or exhibit)	
East lot / east lawn	Quantity: Three maximum Size: Up to 20ft tall by 6 ft wide Duration: Up to 7 days, 5 times annually Material: Vinyl	No (Off-site advertising)

While the above signage does not conform to the Zoning Code, the City Council has the authority to approve all or some of the above signage through a sign district. The Council must find that the signage is necessary or appropriate to implement the General Plan provisions and goals. Provided below is a list of General Plan Policies that relate to the proposed sign district.

CD1.2 Use public landscaping, banners, and signage along streets, sidewalks, and property frontages and in public spaces to strengthen the City's identity.

- CD9.6 Utilize lively, colorful, well-designed, and well-placed banners for holidays, City events, and other City-approved special occasions.
- LU7.3 Continue to host special events that draw local residents and visitors.

The proposed signage will assist in meeting the above provisions by enhancing visibility of convention and public gathering activities. The signage will provide awareness to local residents and visitors by further identifying upcoming special events.

Staff notes that the balloon and inflatable(s) would require review and approval by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) and possibly the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Should the Council approve the sign district, staff recommends that these two temporary signage types be excluded from the approval and has included a condition prohibiting this type of signage in the draft resolution. If the applicant wishes to pursue review and approval by the ALUC and FAA, an amendment to this sign district may be proposed in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager

David H. Ready, City Manager

Attachments:

- 1. Draft Resolution w/ Conditions
- 2. Proposed sign district
- 3. Exhibit of proposed monument sign on Amado

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT (CASE SI 12-079) FOR THE PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER, LOCATED AT 277 NORTH AVENIDA CABALLEROS.

WHEREAS, according to Palm Springs Zoning Code 93.20.5.C.8, "special sign districts" may be established by the City Council, "...as part of a specific plan, redevelopment plan, planned development district or the like when special sign provisions are necessary or appropriate to implement general plan provisions and goals"; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Springs Convention Center (the "Applicant") has filed an application (SI 12-079) with the City pursuant to Section 94.03.00(E) of the Palm Springs Zoning Code, for a special sign district to allow additional temporary and permanent signage; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2013, a public meeting on the application was held by the City Council in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully reviewed and considered all of the evidence presented in connection with the meeting on the project, including but not limited to the staff report, and all written and oral testimony presented.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1.</u> Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is Categorically Exempt under Section 15311(a)(Accessory Structures).
- Section 2. Pursuant to Section 93.20.5.C.8 of the Palm Springs Zoning Code, the City Council finds that the proposed Special Sign District includes special sign provisions that are necessary or appropriate to implement general plan provisions and goals, as follows:
 - CD1.2 Use public landscaping, banners, and signage along streets, sidewalks, and property frontages and in public spaces to strengthen the City's identity.
 - CD9.6 Utilize lively, colorful, well-designed, and well-placed banners for holidays, City events, and other City-approved special occasions.
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The proposed signage will assist in meeting the above provisions by enhancing visibility of convention and public gathering activities. The signage will provide awareness to local residents and visitors by further identifying upcoming special events.

<u>Section 3.</u> The City Council approves the establishment of a special sign district for the Palm Springs Convention Center at 277 North Avenida Caballeros and surrounding properties as noted in the district, subject to the exclusion of balloon and inflatable signage types listed as items 4 and 6 in the attached sign district.

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

ATTEST:	David H. Ready, City Manager
James Thompson, City Clerk	
	CERTIFICATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)	SS.
Resolution No is a full, to	Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that rue and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular of the City of Palm Springs on March 6, 2013, by the
AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
	James Thompson, City Clerk City of Palm Springs, California

Palm Springs Convention Center Event Signage District Program

The Palm Springs Convention has identified a number of locations for signage related to event activities taking place in or around the convention center. Event signage would be used for a number of purposes including marketing for an upcoming event in order to increase interest or attendance, identifying the center as the location for a given event, identifying the specific location at the center where the event is occurring or where the entrance is and welcoming the event producers, meeting planners and their attendees to the center.

Specific signage locations and types are listed as follows:

1). Type:

Electronic Digital Marquee

Location:

Amado Road, East of Alvarado

Size:

48 sq. ft. per side (2 sided)

Duration:

Permanent

Material:

Stone, metal and stucco to match convention center facade

(designed by convention center architect), w/ LED display

2). Type:

Banner

Location:

South facing exterior wall of Oasis 4 above doors

Size:

Up to 240 sq. ft. Up to 7 Days

Duration: Frequency:

Up to 5 times annually

Material:

Vinyl / Plastic

3). Type:

Banner

Location:

East facing exterior wall of Oasis 4

Size:

Up to 240 sq. ft.

Duration:

Up to 7 days

Frequency:

Up to 2 times annually

Material:

Vinyl / Plastic

4). Type:

Balloon

Location:

East Lot or East Lawn

Size:

Up to 50' diameter

Duration:

Up to 7 days

Frequency:

1 time annually

Material:

Nylon / Plastic

5). Type:

Event Information Sign

Location:

South East corner of Amado Road and Avenida Caballeros

Size:

Up to 36 sq. ft. per side (2 sided)

Duration:

Up to 14 days

Frequency:

Up to 5 times annually

Material:

Mood / Metal

6). Type:

Inflatables (as part of outdoor exhibits)

Location:

East Lot / East Lawn Up to 20' tall by 6' wide

Size: Duration:

Up to 7 days

Frequency:

Up to 5 times annually

Material:

Vinyl / Plastic

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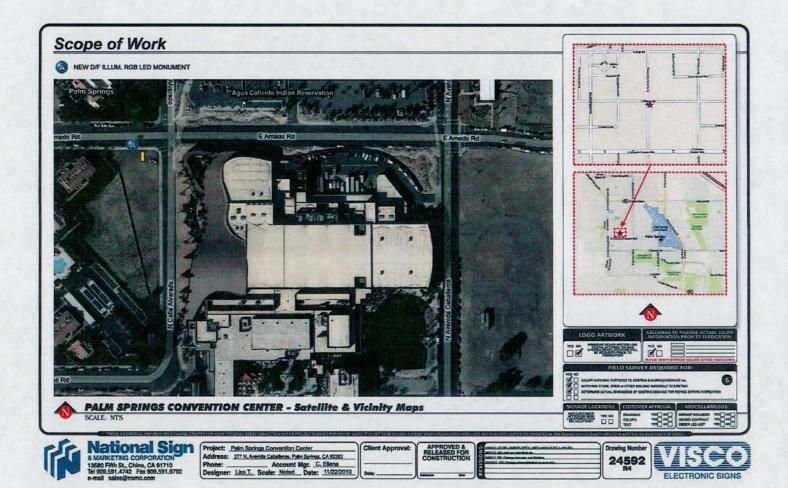
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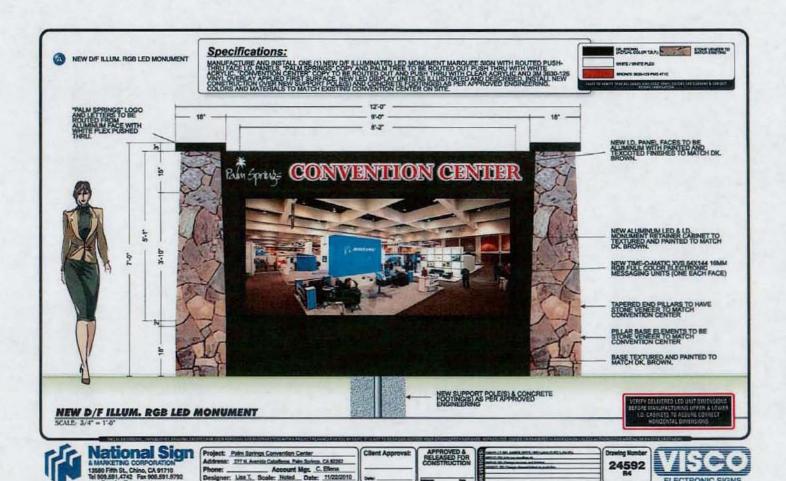


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EXISTING MARQUEE ELEVATION



PROPOSED MARQUEE ELEVATION

NEW D/F ILLUM. RGB LED MONUMENT - Elevation



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Phone: Account Mgr. C. Ellena
Designer: Lisa T. Scale: Noted Date: 11/22/2010

APPROVED & RELEASED FOR CONSTRUCTION

