

# PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE:

October 23, 2013

SUBJECT:

AEK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC, FOR A MINOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION TO RENOVATE AN EXISTING HOTEL, INCLUDING LEGAL NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES IN SETBACK AREAS, LOCATED AT 2135 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE, ZONED C-1 (CASE

3.0676 MAA). (DN)

FROM:

Department of Planning Services

#### **SUMMARY**

The property owner has submitted a request for architectural review to remodel an existing 15-unit hotel, including new patio covers, landscape, hardscape, block wall, trash enclosure, windows, doors, roof parapet, repaint, reroof and repair of parking area. Originally constructed in the mid-1950s, the building is located near property lines in required setback areas and is considered legal, non-conforming. Pursuant to Section 94.05.03(B) of the Zoning Code, alterations to structures in setback areas require approval by the Planning Commission.

The applicant is proposing patio covers at northwesterly, northeasterly and southeasterly corners of the site in required setback areas. However, the structures will not exacerbate the existing nonconforming setback conditions. A comparison of the project and current zoning requirements can be found on page 3 of the attached Architectural Advisory Committee Staff Memo.

There are no findings specified for approving alterations to buildings in required setbacks. Staff notes that the alterations will improve the property and create a desirable environment for occupants.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve alterations as submitted.

David A. Newell Associate Planner M. Margo Wheeler, AICP Director of Planning Services

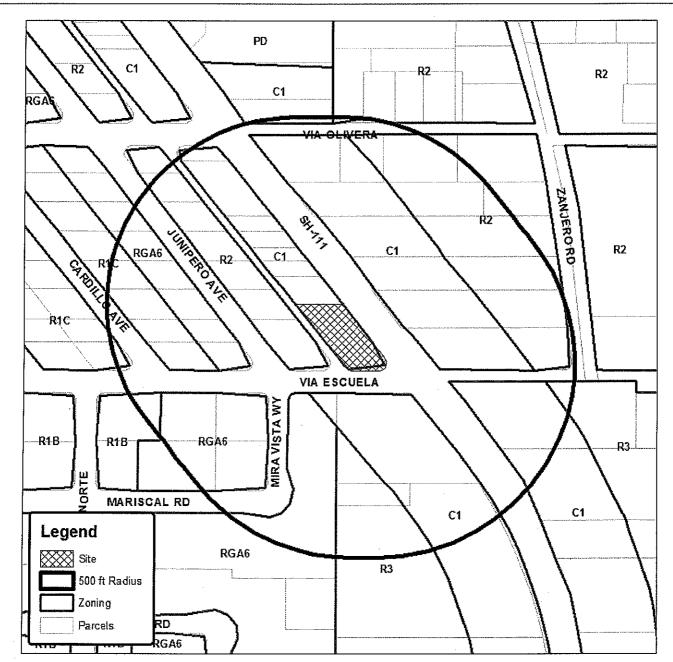
#### Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity Map with 500ft Site Radius
- 2. 10/21/2013 AAC Staff Memorandum (including attachments)



# Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map





# CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

CASE NO:

3.0676 MAA

APPLICANT: AEK Capital

Management LLC

**DESCRIPTION:** 

A renovation of an existing 15-unit hotel located at 2135 North Palm Canyon Drive, Zone C-1, Section 3.



# ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 21, 2013

SUBJECT:

AEK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC, FOR A MINOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION FOR COMPLETE RENOVATION OF EXISTING HOTEL LOCATED AT 2135 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE, ZONED C-1 (CASE

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## SUMMARY:

At its August 12, 2013 meeting, the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) reviewed a request to remodel the existing 15-unit hotel, including new patio covers, landscape, hardscape, block wall, trash enclosure, windows, doors, roof parapet, repaint and reroof. After determining there was insufficient information, the AAC tabled the item and requested further plan details and design enhancements (see attached meeting minutes).

The applicant has revised the plans and provided additional details. The proposed block wall along Palm Canyon Drive is now proposed five feet back from the property line and will be five feet tall. Landscaping enhancements are proposed throughout the site, including additional shade trees in the parking areas and plantings between the street and block wall. Additional details on the entry canopies and exterior lighting have been provided.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval to the Planning Commission, subject to the following:

1. Repair and improve parking area in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Director.

## **ISSUES:**

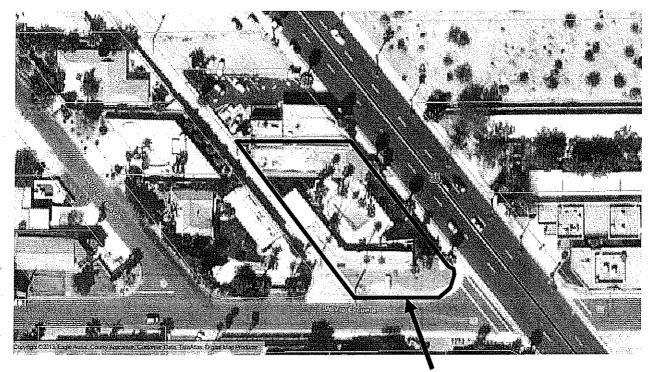
Proposed patio covers at northwesterly, northeasterly and southeasterly corners
of the site in required setback areas. Structures will not exacerbate the existing
nonconforming setback conditions, but proposal does require approval from the
Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 94.05.03(B) "Nonconforming
Structures and Buildings" of the Zoning Code.

# **BACKGROUND:**

Planning Areas		
Specific Plan	No	
Design Plan	No	
Airport Overlay	No	
Indian Land	No	
Resort Combining	Yes	Subject to Section 92.25.00 of Zoning Code

Relate	d Releva	nt City	Actio	ons by	Pla	anning	ı, Fir	e, Buildi	ng, etc					
8/12/2	013	The	AAC	voted	to	table	the	project,	pending	the	submittal	of	further	project
		detai	is and	d plans	3.									

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**



# **SUBJECT PROPERTY**

# **ANALYSIS:**

General Plan		:
Land Use Designation	F.A.R. / Density Request	Compliance
Mixed Use / Multi-Use	15 dwelling units (or 30, if Existing (15 unit hotel)	No change in
	approved by PD) per acre OR	use or density
	0.50 FAR for nonresidential uses	

Zoning – Uses & Lot Standards						
	Existing: C-1 Zone	Proposed	Compliance			
Uses permitted	Hotels, subject to R-3 standard	Same	Yes			
Density	1 dwelling per 1,000 sq. ft. of lot area	Existing (15 unit hotel)	Yes			
Lot Standards						
Min. Area	20,000 square feet	Existing (21,871 square feet)	Yes			
Min. Width	100 feet	Existing (128 feet)	Yes			
Min. Depth	150 feet	Existing (220 feet)	Yes			

<del></del>	Existing: C-1 → R-3 Zone	Proposed	Compliance	
<b>Building Height</b>	30 feet over 50% of ground floor	14 feet to top of parapet	Yes	
Yard Setbacks				
Front	25 feet from Via Escuela	Existing / no change (26 ft.)	Yes	
Interior Side	10 feet, except structures over 10 feet in height to be setback equal to building height.	- Existing (0 ft. setback) - Proposed patio cover at northwest corner has post at 1 ft. setback	Legal, non- conforming. Requires PC approval	
Street Side	30 feet from N. Palm Canyon Dr.	- Existing (0 ft. setback) - Proposed patio covers at northeasterly and southeasterly corners have posts in setback areas	Legal, non- conforming. Requires PC approval	
Rear	10 feet, except structures over 10 feet in height to be setback equal to building height.	Existing / no change (6 ft.)	Legal, non- conforming	
Pool / spas	5 feet	Existing / no change (30 ft.+)	Yes	
Distance Between Buildings	15 feet, except: 30 feet when opposite of courtyard	No change	Yes	
Lot Coverage	None	No change	Yes	
Usable Landscape	45% landscape open space minimum	No change	Yes	
Off-street Parking	15 parking spaces, including 1 handicap space (1 parking space per hotel room)	13 parking spaces proposed, including 1 handicap space	Legal, non- conforming	
Trash Enclosure	Required	Proposed	Yes	

# D. Planning Commission Architectural Advisory Committee Review Guidelines.

The planning commission architectural advisory committee shall examine the material submitted with the architectural approval application and specific aspects of design shall be examined to determine whether the proposed development will provide desirable environment for its occupants as well as being compatible with the character of adjacent and surrounding developments, and whether aesthetically it is of good composition, materials, textures and colors. Conformance will be evaluated, based on consideration of the following:

Item	Guideline:	Conforms?	Staff Evaluation:
1	Does the proposed development provide	Yes	The existing hotel development will
-	a desirable environment for its	1 ,,,,,,	be renovated and updated with new
	occupants?		materials and enhanced landscape.
2	Is the proposed development compatible	Yes	Existing adjacent developments
	with the character of adjacent and		includes single story commercial and
	surrounding developments?		residential structures.
3	Is the proposed development of good	Yes	Simple design proposed with stucco
	composition, materials, textures, and		finishes. New overhangs to be
	colors?		corrugated metal
4	Site layout, orientation, location of	Yes	No change to building locations;
	structures and relationship to one another		pedestrian areas clearly defined in
	and to open spaces and topography.		parking areas; proposed wall along
	Definition of pedestrian and vehicular		Palm Canyon Drive will be setback
	areas; i.e., sidewalks as distinct from		and softened with landscape.
	parking lot areas		
5	Harmonious relationship with existing and	N/a	No change to site layout proposed
	proposed adjoining developments and in		
	the context of the immediate		
	neighborhood/community, avoiding both		
	excessive variety and monotonous		·
	repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted		
6	Maximum height, area, setbacks and	Yes	Existing structures are located within
	overall mass, as well as parts of any	168	setback areas; new rooftop
	structure (buildings, walls, screens,		screening will be installed to screen
	towers or signs) and effective		proposed mechanical units.
	concealment of all mechanical equipment		
7	Building design, materials and colors to	Yes	Building to be stucco with off-white
	be sympathetic with desert surroundings		color
8	Harmony of materials, colors and	Yes	Consistent simple design; proposed
	composition of those elements of a		patio covers provide visual interest to
	structure, including overhangs, roofs, and		courtyard area as well as privacy for
	substructures which are visible		each unit.
	simultaneously		
9	Consistency of composition and	Yes	See number 8 above.
	treatment		
10	Location and type of planting, with regard	Yes	Turf will remain in two portions of
	for desert climate conditions.		courtyard area; desert plants
	Preservation of specimen and landmark		proposed throughout; existing palms
	trees upon a site, with proper irrigation to		to be retained on-site; new shade
	insure maintenance of all plant materials		trees are proposed in parking area.

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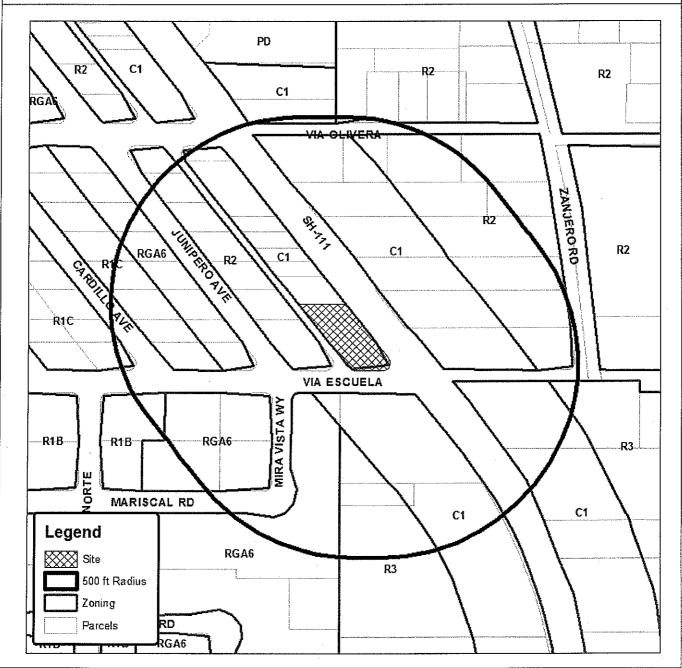
## Attachments:

- 1. Vicinity map
- 2. 8/12/2013 AAC Minutes (excerpt)
- 3. Existing site photographs
- 4. Reduced Plans



# Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map





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Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2013

committee Member Fredricks confirmed that an entire elevation was to be painted not just paintes.

The applicant said that the slot windows also will be boarded.

Committee Mamber Song found black to be too dark for the paint.

M/S/C (Fredricks/Sing, 4-0-3 absent Cassady, Hirschbein, Secoy-Jensen) Approve with staff conditions amending 11 change black to dark blue/gray and #2 add "finish level".

8. MINOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION BY ENDURE INV. TO ADD LANDSCAPE AND REPLACE PLANTERS WITH COLORED CONCRETE BETWEEN CORNER BUILDINGS AND PARKING AREA AT THE SPRINGS SHOPPING CENTER (CEQA CLASS 4 EXEMPTION), 5200 EAST RAMON ROAD, ZONED M-1-P (CASE NO. 3.3670 MAA). (DN)

Associate Planner Newell reported project and showed where staff is requiring additional trees.

JONATHAN DOTY, representative, agreed. He said to would match color of new paving to existing. Tenants would provide chairs, tables and umbit las.

Committee Member Fredricks indicated additional Palo Verde better choice than sumac.

Committee Member Purnel agreed and had concerns about paving

M/S/C (Fredricks/Fauber, 4-0-3 absent Cassady, Hirschbein, Secoy-Jensen) Approve with staff conditions and:

- Palo Verdes not Sumacs
- Palm Trees to match species and size of existing
- Paving to match existing
- Continuously maintain palms
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RANEE SCHAAFSMA AND TOM ADAMS, representatives, described project and answered questions from Committee Members indicating circles are glass, clear and frosted; hedges will be inside walls; olive trees remain; parking area will be repaved; need 7' wall for noise attenuation and privacy; need space next to wall for events.

Committee Member Fredricks concurs wall needs to be moved back, needs details on canopy, entrance and doors; all landscape sizes too small - min. 5 gal. shrubs, 36" olives, screen trees 15 gal.

Committee Member Purnel post and gate details and clarification of finishes.

Committee Member Song needs color elevation and roof plan; wall adjacent to sidewalk too aggressive.

A Committee Member wants lighting plan, canopy, equipment screening and wall moved back.

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M/S/C (Fauber/Fredricks, 4-0-3 absent Cassady, Hirschbein, Secoy-Jensen) Table for additional plans to be submitted.

## 10. ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE

This item was continued to August 26, 2013.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

None.

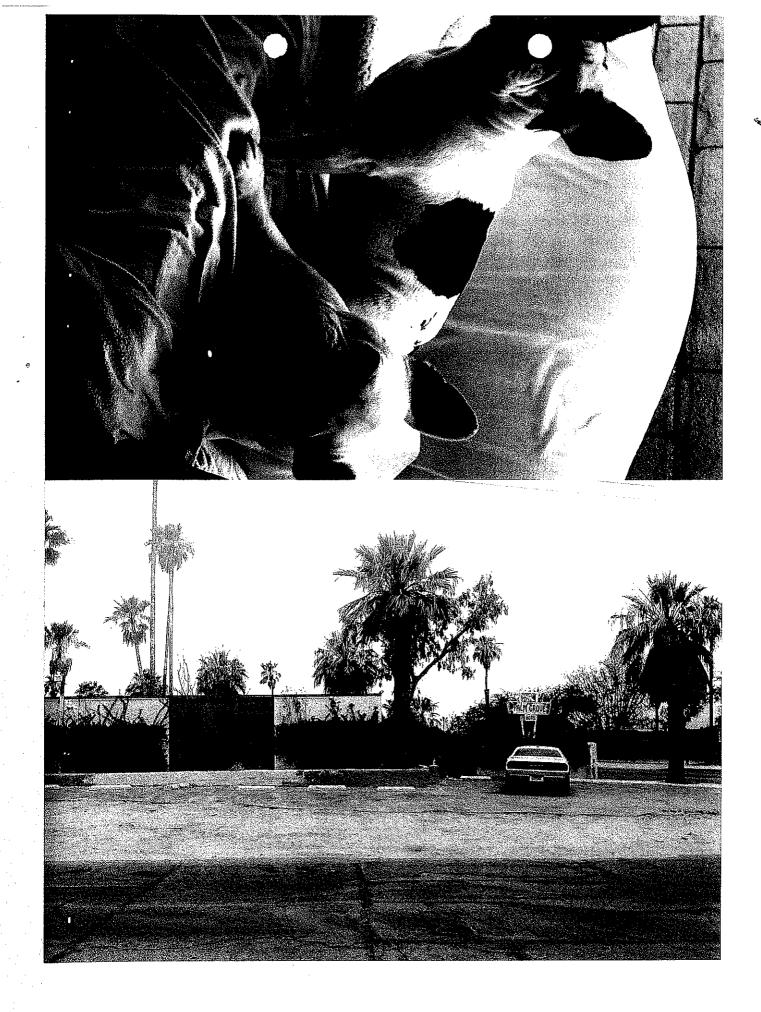
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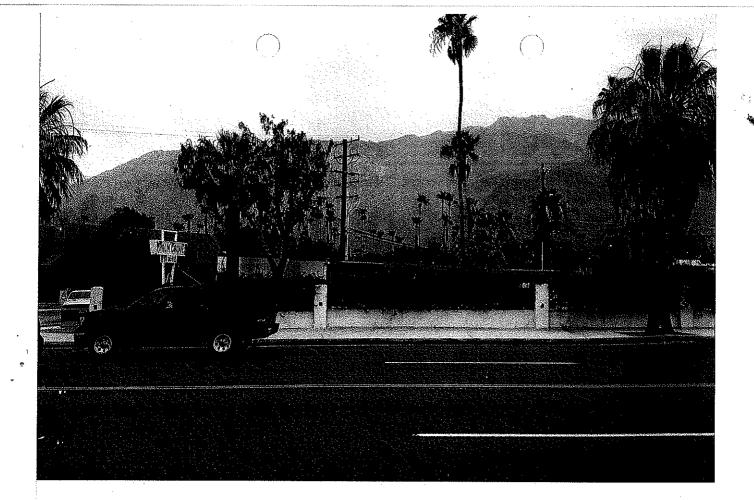
None.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The Architectural Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:40 pm to Monday, August 26, 2013, at 3:00 pm, Council Chambe, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

M. Margo Wheeler, AICP Director of Planning Services

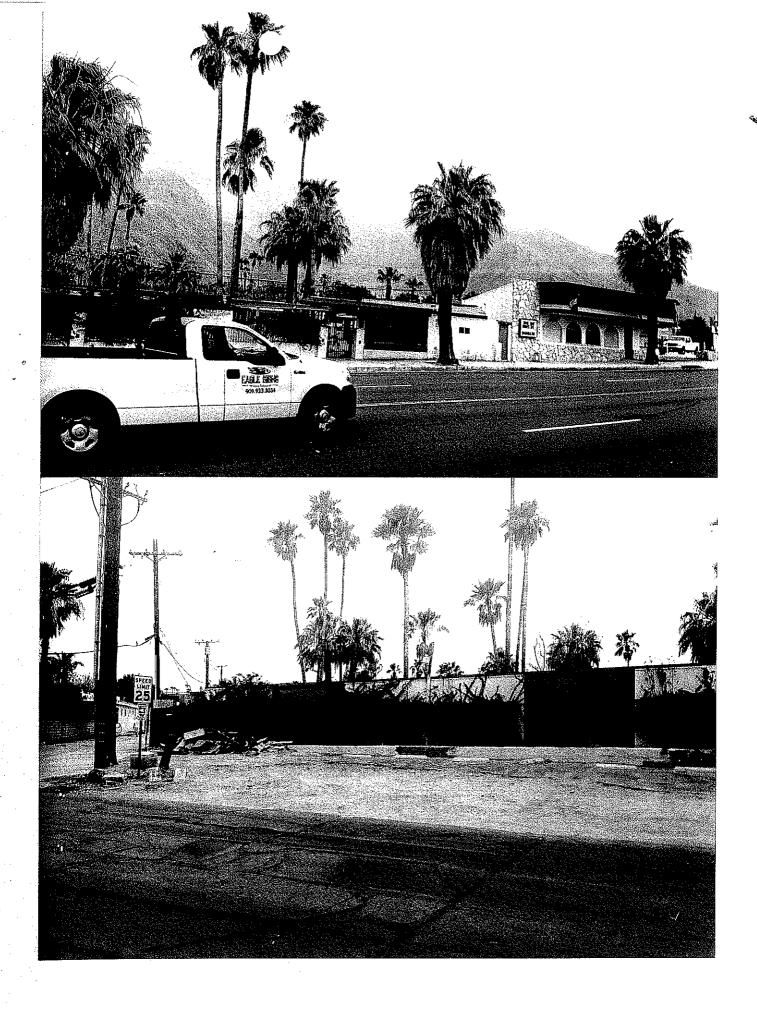


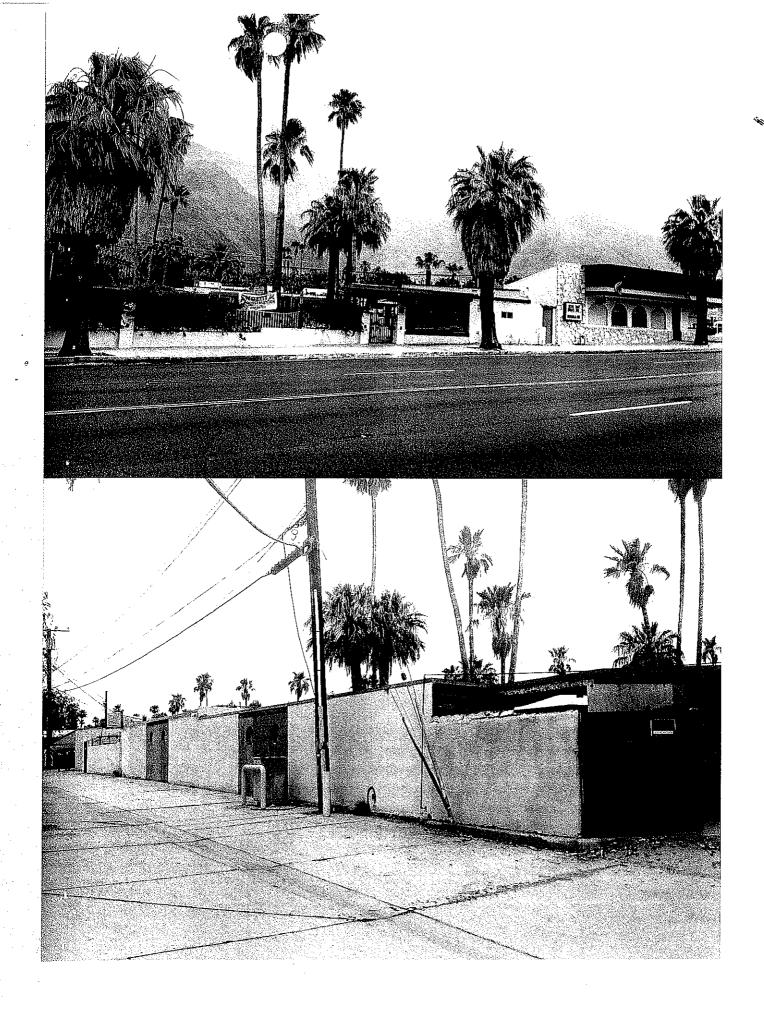


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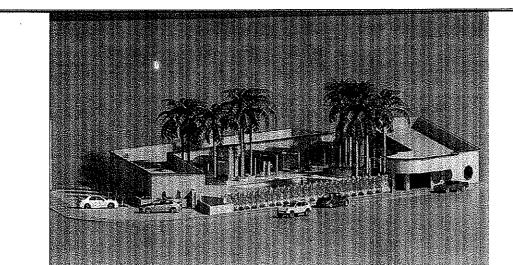
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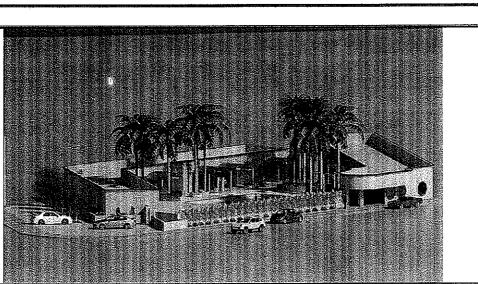




# EXTERIOR REMODEL: PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

2135 NORTH PALM CANYON PALM SPRINGS, CA. 92262







GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:



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VICINITY MAP &

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOT TO SCALE

OCCUPANCY:

AREA TABULATIONS: TOTAL SITE:

BUILDING "A": 5*0*210 50. PT. 1,516.0 50. PT. 1,201.0 50. FT.

BUILDING "B": BUILDING "C":

SHEET INDEX

CS COVER SHEET A.1 SITE PLAN

A.2 ELEVATIONS A.3 ROOF PLAN D.1 DETAILS

L.1 PLANTING PLAN

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COVER SHEET



