

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
May 13, 2009
Council Chamber, City Hall
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

	Present This Meeting:	Present to Date:	Year: FY 2008/2009 Excused Absences:
Larry Hochanadel, Chair	X	29	0
Leo Cohen, Vice Chair	X	28	1
Jon Caffery	X	26	3
Bill Scott	X	25	4
Tracy Conrad		22	7
Doug Donenfeld	X	28	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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Hochanadel opened Public Comments:

-Stephen LoCasio, Palm Springs, owner of adjacent property to Item 3A, expressed concern with any future requirement of utility lines in this vicinity.

There being no further appearances, Public Comments was closed.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1A. Minutes of April 22, 2009.

M/S/C (Scott/Vice Chair Cohen, 4-0, 1 absent/Conrad, 1 abstained/ Caffery) Approved, as part of the Consent Calendar.

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

2A. Case SI 09-019 - A request by Quiel Brothers Sign Company to install an internally illuminated 17.71 square foot blade sign for the Alternate Route Bar & Nightclub located at 120 South Palm Canyon Drive, Zone C-B-D, Section 15, APN: 513-144-002. (Project Planner: Scott Taschner, Assistant Planner)

Scott Taschner, Assistant Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 13, 2009.

The Commission compared the dimensions of the previous sign with the new sign.

M/S/C (Caffery/Donenfeld, 5-0, 1 absent/Conrad) To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

3A. Case 3.3323 SFR / 6.512 VAR / 7.1325 AMM - An application by Harold Meyerman for a Major Architectural Approval, a Variance and AMM request for a 2,976 single-family residence on a hillside lot, located at 581 Palisades Drive, Zone R-1-A, Section 15, APN: 513-110-042. (Project Planner: David A. Newell, Associate Planner)

David A. Newell, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 13, 2009.

Commissioner Caffery stated that he attended a presentation and site inspection given by the applicant on May 7th.

Marcus Fuller, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided details pertaining to the easement and the public utility lines.

Chair Hochanadel opened the Public Hearing:

- James Cioffi, architect and owner's representative, provided details on the water main, existing utility lines, setback variance and architectural elements of the project.
- Marshall Roath, HTCNO board member, stated that the board attended two presentations and a site inspection; and the board voted in favor of the proposed project.

There being no further appearances, the Public Hearing was closed.

M/S/C (Donenfeld/Chair Hochanadel, 5-0, 1 absent/Conrad) To approve, subject to Conditions of Approval, as amended:

- There shall be no construction activity before 8:00 a.m. during the week, on Saturdays or Holidays.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

4A. Architectural Advisory Committee: Appointment of Architectural Advisory Committee member.

Chair Hochanadel reported that the AAC interviews have not been completed and continued the appointment until the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donenfeld noted that he would not be in attendance for the May 27th meeting.

Commissioner Caffery requested staff follow-up on a business displaying a portable open sign with flashing lights located at The Plaza.

Vice Chair Cohen reported traffic safety issues with multiple buses parking at the bus turnout on Palm Canyon and Stevens Road. Staff responded that Sunline Agency would be contacted.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director of Planning provided details on the Museum Market Plaza Specific Plan scheduled for tonight's City Council meeting.

Commissioner Caffery expressed concern with building "repaints" consisting of painted windows, glossy, bright white or vibrant colors. Mr. Caffery suggested further review by staff for these types of applications. Staff concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission adjourned at 2:17 p.m. to a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Craig A. Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services

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