

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
October 14, 2020  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California  
(Via Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Weremiuk called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Ervin, Hirschbein, Lewin, Song, Chair Weremiuk

Absent: Vice Chair Moruzzi

Staff Present: Development Services Director Fagg, Assistant Planning Director Newell, Attorney Priest, Administrative Coordinator Hintz, Assistant Planner Perez, Principal Planner Robertson

**REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was available was public access at the City Hall exterior bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber) and the Planning Services counter by 6:00 pm on October 8, 2020.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

Song, seconded by Lewin, to accept the Agenda, as presented.

AYES: ERVIN, HIRSCHBEIN, LEWIN, SONG, WEREMIUK

ABSENT: MORUZZI

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 1A. GRACIANO DESIGN FOR A MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 2,447-SQUARE FOOT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 2180 NORTH SUNRISE WAY, ZONE R-1-C, SECTION 1 (CASE 3.4175 MAJ). (AP)**

Lewin, seconded by Song, to approve Consent Calendar, as presented.

AYES: ERVIN, HIRSCHBEIN, LEWIN, SONG, WEREMIUK

ABSENT: MORUZZI

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2A. GLOBAL GO, LLC, ON BEHALF OF BREEZE HILL FARM, INC., FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) APPLICATION TO OPERATE A TYPE 7 (VOLATILE SOLVENTS) CANNABIS MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY WITHIN THE 9,386-SQUARE FOOT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 19115 NEWHALL STREET, ZONE M-2; (CANNABIS OVERLAY ZONE), SECTION 15 (CASE 5.1499-CUP. (ER)**

Principal Planner Robertson summarized the proposed project as outlined in the staff report.

Nicole Criste, Terra Nova Planning & Research, Environmental Consultant, was available for questions from the Commission pertaining to environmental issues.

Stephen Otero, Fire Department, plans examiner, clarified that the explosion in L.A. was due to illegal storage of small butane canisters. Mr. Otero provided details on the fire department's review process and deferred submittals.

JAY TAKAS, odor control consultant, was available for questions from the Commission pertaining to odor control issues.

Chair Weremiuk opened the public hearing:

IVY BATER, Global Go, LLC, representing Breeze Hill Farm, provided details on the manufacturing production, parking, building layout and distribution area. Ms. Bater was available for questions from the Commission. They are in agreement with the condition requiring two dilution fans.

There being no further speakers the public hearing was closed.

Lewin, seconded by Song to approve with added conditions:

1. Correct language in Initial Study as directed by Ms. Criste;
2. Correct language in Fire Condition #15 relative to the deferred submittal;
3. Applicant shall revise the Odor Control Plan to meet the 2020 Odor Control Standards.

AYES: ERVIN, HIRSCHBEIN, LEWIN, SONG, WERMIUK  
ABSENT: MORUZZI

**3. DISCUSSION:**

**3A. DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING PROCEDURES. (FF)**

Director Fagg summarized the proposed meeting procedures to reduce the overall length of Planning Commission meetings.

Commissioner Song:

- Public Comment three minutes time to remain the same.
- Combine staff/applicant questions.

Commissioner Hirschbein:

- Place more items on the Consent Calendar.
- Shorten staff presentations- where appropriate (less complicated projects).
- Public Comment testimony to remain at three minutes
- Generally restrict applicant testimony to five minutes.

Commissioner Ervin:

- Public Comment three minutes time to remain the same.
- Combine staff/applicant questions.

Commissioner Lewin:

- Public Comment three minutes time to remain the same.
- Encouraged staff to add appropriate projects on Consent Calendar.

Chair Weremiuk:

- Shorten staff presentations.
- Keep staff questions separately.
- Public Comment three minutes time to remain the same.
- Place more items on Consent Calendar.

Director Fagg recapped the Commission consensus:

1. Place more items on Consent Calendar.
2. Shorten staff presentations.

Discussion only- no action was taken.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

1. Request for City Council action summary for Planning Commission items.
2. Raising Cane's revised landscape design.
3. General Plan Update

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** None.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Study Session on October 28<sup>th</sup> to begin at 4 pm.
2. Update on inspection of cell tower sites.
3. City Council action summary for Planning Commission projects.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Planning Commission adjourned at 6:45 pm to 4:00 pm, Wednesday, October 28, 2020, City Hall, Council Chamber, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way.



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Flinn Fagg, AICP  
Development Services Director