



## **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

#### **ACTION MINUTES**

**MARCH 13, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CARL MAY COMMUNITY CENTER  
11711 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Del la Torre called the Planning Commission to order at 6:02P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Gardner lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair de la Torre nominated himself for Vice Chair

Commissioner Jan Pye was nominated by the Commission as Madam Chair

#### **SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Action: Buchanan moved to approve staff recommendation, motion seconded by De la Torre, motion carried 3/0 by the following vote:

Vote:                                   AYES: 3 - De la Torre, Buchanan, Gardner  
Passed                                   NOES: 0 - (None)  
  ABSENT: 1 - Voss

RECUSED: 1 - Pye

Madam Chair Pye presented the approval of the agenda.

## MINUTES

### Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2017

*Planning Administrative Assistant, Patricia Meza*

**Recommendation:** Approve as submitted; or corrected.

Minutes was approved by unanimous vote.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason presented his public comment regarding the Advisor board of Cannabis Association extending a formal invitation to the public and commissioners to attend their monthly membership dinner.

Monthly membership dinner at The Shop Cafe April 2, 2018 from 6:00PM- 8:00PM.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP 14-16) to relocate the site entrance from Hacienda to Little Morongo Road on a 9.75 -acre site located on the southeast corner of Little Morongo Road and Hacienda Ave. APN: 663-270-001. Applicant: Green Horizons Inc. (Medmen).

*Community Development Director, Daniel Porras*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Entertain Questions of Staff from Planning Commission;  
3) Open the Public Hearing;  
4) Take Testimony from Applicant;  
5) Take Public Testimony;  
6) Opportunity for Applicant Rebuttal;  
7) Close the Public Hearing;  
8) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff;  
and  
9) A recommendation from staff for approval of the Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP 14-16) for the relocation of the site entrance from Hacienda Avenue to Little Morongo Road for the project located on the southeast corner of Morongo Road and Hacienda Avenue in the I-L (Light Industrial) District. APN: 663-270-001.

Assistant Planner, Fernando Herrera, presented staff report and responded to questions.

Action: Gardner moved to approve staff recommendation, motion seconded by Buchanan, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Vote:  
Passed                      AYES: 4 - De la Torre, Buchanan, Pye, Gardner  
                                    NOES: 0 - (None)  
                                    ABSENT: 1 - Voss

2. [Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 10-16 to increase the size from 62,994 SF to 70,118 SF, and rotating the building of the originally approved Cultivation Facility, the project is located on a 2.31-acre site approximately 350 feet east of Little Morongo Road and 1,000 feet north of Two Bunch Palms Trail in the Light Industrial \(I-L\) Zone. APN: 663-280-002.](#)

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Entertain Questions of Staff from Planning Commission;  
3) Open the Public Hearing;  
4) Take Testimony from Applicant;  
5) Take Public Testimony;  
6) Opportunity for Applicant Rebuttal;  
7) Close the Public Hearing;  
8) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff;  
and  
9) Consider a motion that the Planning Commission approve an amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 10-16 to increase the size and rotate the previously approved structure, in addition to other changes. APN 663-280-002

Assistant Planner, Benjamin Torres, presented staff report and responded to questions.

Madam Chair Pye opened Public Hearing.

Community Development Director, Daniel Porras, responded to questions.

Madam Chair Pye opened Public Testimony.

Mike from MSA Consulting presented a power point and gave his rebuttal.

A discussion was ensued regarding the set back requirements and the removal of the Condition #1 and Condition #80 on staff report.

Community Development Director, Daniel Porras, responded to questions.

Commissioner Gardner questioned the set back requirements and the clarification of a front yard.

Community Development Director, Daniel Porras, clarified the front yard definition and the set back requirements that was presented in the Staff Report.

Commissioner Buchannan refers to City Attorney, Jennifer Mizrahi, regarding the Condition #1 set back removal.

City Attorney, Jennifer Mizrahi, clarified the process of removing a Condition in the Planning Commission.

MSA Consultant, Mike, responded to questions and clarified his intentions regarding the removal of Condition #1 and Condition #80.

Madam Chair Pye closed the Public Hearing.

Action: Gardner moved to approve staff recommendation by removing Condition #1 and leaving Condition #80, motion seconded by Buchanan, motion carried 3/0 by the following vote:

Consultant Mike, from MSA Consulting, gave his rebuttal regarding the front yard and the right away of the street.

Planning Commission understood their limited action regarding the removal of Condition #1 and Condition #80.

Vote:  
Passed  
AYES: 3 - Buchanan, Pye, Gardner  
NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Voss  
ABSTAIN: 1 - De la Torre

Madam Chair Pye suggested MSA Consultant, Mike to ask for a waiver from the Council.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR**

Fernando Herrera presented The Importance of Landscaping

#### **3. The Importance of Landscaping**

*Community Development Director, Daniel Porras*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff

### **CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no Reports.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT**

There were no Community Development Report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Madamn Chair Pye adjourn Planning Commission at 7:25 P.M.