



# **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

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

### **ACTION MINUTES**

**JULY 10, 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**

Chair Buchanan called the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Commissioners: De la Torre, Buchanan, Pye, Gardner, Nindel

Vice Chairman:

Chairman:

Absent:

Commissioners:

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair De la Torre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

### **MINUTES**

## Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2018

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** Approve as submitted or corrected

Action: Buchanan moved to approve staff recommendation with corrections, motion seconded by De la Torre, motion carried 2/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 2 - Buchanan, Nindel  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye  
ABSTAIN: 1 - Gardner

## Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** Approve as submitted or corrected

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. [Conditional Use Permit No. 04-18. An application to operate a 12-bed assisted living facility located at 66753 Hacienda Ave in the R-M \(Residential Medium Density\) land use district.](#)

*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) Recommendation for approval of an addition of 6 beds (for a total of 12 beds) to the existing assisted living facility located at 66753 Hacienda Avenue.

Scott Taschner, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Daniel Porras, Director of Community Development, responded to questions.

Chair Buchanan opened the Public Hearing.

Linda Vallejo, Jason Alzizer, and Arthur Magedin, representing the project, addressed the Commission.

A discussion ensued.

Chair Buchanan closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioners had a discussion.

Action: De la Torre moved to approve staff recommendation with additional condition to provided visitor's parking along Mesquite Ave with curb and gutter , to require Ambulance stripping mark off for drop off or pick up and landscape maintenance to ensure visibility to Mesquite and Hacienda., motion seconded by Gardner, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

2. [Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 10-15 to allow for cannabis distribution activities and to add approximately 1,650 square feet of new distribution, extraction, and storage areas within the previously approved DHS San Jacinto Cannabis Cultivation Facility located at 65242 and 65282 San Jacinto Lane between Little Morongo Road and Cabot Road in the I-L \(Light Industrial\) Zone. APN 665-030-069, -070 Applicant: DHS San Jacinto.](#)

*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) A recommendation from staff for approval of the Amendment to Conditional Use Permit No. 10-15 to allow for cannabis distribution activities, and to add approximately 1,650 square feet of new distribution, extraction, storage areas for the project located at 65242 and 65282 San Jacinto Lane between Little Morongo Road and Cabot Road in the I-L (Light Industrial) District. APN: 665-030-069, -070.

Patricia Meza, Planning Technician, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Chair Buchanan opened Public Hearing.

John Cotton, the Applicant, presented his testimony and responded to questions.

Chair Buchanan closed Public Hearing.

A discussion ensued.

Action: Gardner moved to approve staff recommendation, motion seconded by Nindel, motion carried 3/0 by the following vote:

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

3. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.180 ALLOWING MARIJUANA TESTING FACILITIES IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONES.**

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Entertain Questions of Staff from Planning Commission;  
3) Open the Public Hearing;  
4) Take Public Testimony;  
5) Close the Public Hearing  
6) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff;  
and  
7) A recommendation from staff that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council adopt the Ordinance

Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, presented the Ordinance and responded to questions.

Chair Buchanan opened the Public Hearing.

Gretta Carter and Ryan Fingerhut, representatives of Highroad Consulting, addressed the commission.

Chair Buchanan closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR**

There were no reports.

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

Commissioner Gardner presented his report.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT**

Scott Taschner, Senior Planner, presented his report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.