

MINUTES

CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 6:00 P.M.
Twentynine Palms City Hall
6136 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, California

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Stone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Rinkes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – The following Commissioners were present: Caplinger, Easter, Mintz, Rinkes, and Chairman Stone.

2.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chairman Stone announced that these proceedings would be televised on Cable TV channel 6 Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Commissioner Mintz, seconded by Vice Chairman Caplinger and carried with a 5-0 voice vote, the minutes of the April 19, 2005 regular Planning Commission meeting were approved.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6.0 OTHER HEARINGS

6.1 Proposed Development of Bucky Bucklin Park at the northeast corner of Desert Queen Avenue and Twentynine Palms Highway (SR62) (APN 618-222-02 & 03). A Negative Declaration is proposed with this project.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Negative Declaration and re-approve the Conditional Use Permit and Fence Height Variance.

Commissioner Easter left the Chambers at 6:03 p.m. due to a possible Conflict of Interest.

Chairman Stone opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager/Community Development Director Swigart presented a staff report to the Commissioners.

Community Services Director, Randy Councill (Director Councill) spoke to the Commission regarding the Action Council applying for Grant Funds from the state and how the Negative Declaration is required and part of the process. He said that should they apply for State or Federal Grants again this process would already be completed. He said the variance was approved a month ago and the Negative Declaration was simply the next step necessary to apply for the grant. Director Councill said that these items are required from Action Council and the City of Twentynine Palms.

Vice Chairman Caplinger asked what would happen should the grant not be approved. Do they have a plan for phasing.

Director Councill stated that Action Council had recently hired a landscaping architect to work on phasing. Should they not hear back on the grant by September they would use money that they will receive from a fundraiser to be held in a couple of weeks.

Vice Chairman Caplinger asked if there was an estimate on how long the phasing might take. What happens if they do not receive the grant money.

Director Councill said that is dependent on funding. Should they receive the grant funding it will be done all at one time. He then said the architect is supposed to give them an estimate and at this point they do not have that information available.

Vice Chairman Caplinger then asked if there was a plan to restore the mural at the site as it is deteriorating.

Director Councill replied yes, once the park is completed.

City Manager/Community Development Director Swigart said should the project require phasing, Action Council would need to return to the Planning Commission for approval of the phasing.

Hearing no requests to speak Chairman Stone closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Caplinger, seconded by Commissioner Rinkes and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Easter abstained), the Planning Commission approved the Negative Declaration, Fence Height Variance and re-approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Bucky Bucklin Park.

Commissioner Easter returned to the Chambers at 6:07 p.m.

**** **At this time the Chairman reached consensus to change the order of the Agenda to go as follows: 8.0, 9.0 with 7.0 following adjournment.**

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Stone adjourned to the workshop at 6:09 p.m.

7.0 STUDY SESSIONS

7.1 **Land Use** – Identification of issues for May 31, 2005 City Council and Planning Commission workshop.

7.2 **Street Improvement Requirements** – Review and discussion of code requirements for street improvements in various land use districts.

The above listed Study Sessions were held and the Planning Commission gave City Manager/Community Development Director Swigart direction.

7.3 **Miscellaneous Reports** – Informational items for discussion not requiring action.

7.3.1 City Manager/Community Development Director -- **None**

7.3.2 Planning Commission – **None**

Respectfully submitted,

Adda L. Harris, Deputy City Clerk