

**TWENTYNINE PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER-** Chair Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Commissioner Whitten led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ROLL CALL- The following Commissioners were present: Alderson, Benton, Mendoza, Whitten and Easter.
- 2.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 2.1 Chair Easter announced this meeting will be televised on Cable TV Channel 10 Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, September 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3.0 MINUTES**
- 3.1 September 6, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- ACTION: On a motion made by Commissioner Whitten, seconded by Vice Chair Alderson and carried with a 5-0 voice vote, the Planning Commission approved the September 6, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR - None**
- 5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION - None**
- 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Anna O'Hare, Twentynine Palms, echoed Pat Flanagan's comments regarding putting a bulletin board up where maps that were on the agenda can be on display for the public. She also said people are concerned for the demolition of certain buildings and wanted to know where and how did the properties get assessed. She asked that a list be posted in City Hall for the public to review properties that were up for demolition. She handed an article out to the Planning Commission regarding the Town of Needles and a muralist that came to their town and encouraged the Planning Commission to read the article and take it into consideration.
- Commissioner Mendoza responded the maps are always available online with the corresponding staff reports for the public to view.
- 7.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

8.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 Status Report for PC 09-46 – The Ridge at Condor, a 240 unit apartment complex proposed upon two (2) adjoining properties (APNs 0622-291-14 and 0622-291-15) totaling forty (40) acres of land.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

Community Development Director LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a brief staff report to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: On a motion made by Vice Chair Alderson, seconded by Commissioner Whitten and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Planning Commission received and filed the report.

- 8.2 Request for a Time Extension/Amendment to a Condition of Approval for PC 01-24 – Minor Use Permit (MUP) and Special Use Permit (SUP) for “Outward Bound”, Utah Trail and Hillview Road.
Recommendation: Determine staff authority.

Director LaClaire presented a staff report to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Benton asked if there had been any complaints that Director LaClaire was aware of in the past ten (10) years.

Director LaClaire responded Code Enforcement said they are not familiar with any complaints regarding the issue however that does not mean complaints have not gone to the Sheriff's office, CHP or Fire Department.

ACTION: On a motion made by Vice Chair Alderson, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Planning Commission allowed staff to bring back the item for review and possible amendment to the Conditions of Approval.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Alderson requested procedures for reviewing past Conditional Use Permits (CUP) approvals for compliance to the Conditions and City requirements.

10.0 COMMISSION COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Whitten reminded the community to take care of their yards and pick up their trash. He said the Community Cleanup on October 22 is a great opportunity to get rid of trash and cleanup your yard. He said he attended the Taste of the Morongo Basin and encouraged the public to get their tickets early next year so they do not miss out on all the wonderful food from all the local restaurants. He congratulated Chair Easter on becoming a grandfather on August 3, 2011.

Commissioner Mendoza said he attended the Environmental Leadership Academy last Thursday and Friday and learned a lot of great information and he has been very impressed with the presentations.

Vice Chair Alderson said he also attended the Environmental Leadership Academy last Thursday and Friday and he has learned new information at the conference that he will share with the full Commission at a later date.

Chair Easter reminded the community Pioneer Days are coming up and encouraged the public to volunteer for the festivities. He said he appreciated the Planning Commission agreeing to move the meetings to Wednesday nights for his personal educational purposes.

11.0 STUDY SESSION/COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - None

12.0 CLOSED SESSION - None

13.0 ADJOURNMENT- Chair Easter adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Palmer, Deputy City Clerk