

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday
October 5, 2022



12:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

(HYBRID MEETING)

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting may be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Architectural Review Commission was called to order by Vice Chair McIntosh on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dean Wallace Colvard, Nicholas Latkovic, Michael McAuliffe, Francisco Sanchez, and Vice Chair Jim McIntosh.

Absent: Chair John Vuksic.

City Staff

Present: Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services; Richard Cannone, Deputy Director of Development Services; Rosie Lua, Planning Manager; and Melinda Gonzalez, Recording Secretary, were present at Roll Call.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Chair McIntosh opened and closed the non-agenda public comment period. No public comments were provided.

4. ACTION CALENDAR

Associated staff reports, memos, attachments, and discussion on the following items can be viewed by visiting the Architectural Review Commission Information Center website at, <https://www.cityofpalmdesert.org/our-city/committees-and-commissions/commission-information>.

A. FINAL DRAWINGS**1. CASE NOS: PP 18-0009 – Amendment #2 (SP/PP21-0002)**

NATURE OF PROJECT/APPROVAL SOUGHT: Consideration of an Amendment No. 2 to the DSRT SURF project (PP18-0009 and SP/PP21-0002), adding 45 hotel rooms including revisions to the interior layout and exterior architecture of the hotel and surf center facility located at the 17.69-acre site within Desert Willow Golf Resort.

APPLICANT AND ADDRESS: Desert Wave Ventures, PO Box 147, Solano Beach, CA 92075

LOCATION: Vacant 17.69-acre site within Desert Willow

ZONE: Planned Residential (PR)-5

Planning Manager, Rosie Lua, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to Commission inquiries. Doug Sheres, Applicant, and their team including Bruce Greenfield with A.O. Architects, presented additional details on the project, and answered questions from the Commission.

Discussion on the item ensued with Commissioners providing comments and concerns for the project. Vice Chair McIntosh opened and closed the public comment period. No public comments were provided.

Following discussion, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCAULIFFE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER COLVARD, CARRIED 5-0 (CHAIR VUKSIC ABSENT), to:

1. Approve Case Nos. PP 18-0009 - Amendment #2 (SP/PP21-0002) with conditions.
2. Reincorporate stone veneer on north elevation of hotel at vertical element flanking stair as shown in previous design.
3. Vertical element on north elevation of hotel which surrounds resort signage should be extended to ground plane, similar to previous design, but maintaining increased width of revised design.
4. Reincorporate stone veneer on west elevation of hotel on mass to the right side of stairs.
5. East elevation of hotel, revised design as presented is approved, do not incorporate break in plane with additional element as shown in alternative option.
6. Reincorporate entry canopy design at Surf Center, similar to previous design.
7. Formation of subcommittee of two ARC Commissioners, McAuliffe and Latkovic, to review revised design.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

None

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS**A. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSIONERS**

None

B. CITY STAFF

Planning Manager, Rosie Lua, reported that on September 29, 2022, City Council approved staff's request to reduce the ARC's membership count to seven members. The ordinance amendment requires a second reading for adoption and will have a 30-day waiting period before implementation. This change will allow the ARC to form a quorum with four members in attendance.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Architectural Review Commission adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Gonzalez, Senior Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Rosie Lua, Planning Manager
Secretary

APPROVED BY ARC: 10/25/2022