

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

A **REGULAR Meeting** of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Nancy Golden, Vice Chair Leigh Strickman, Commission Members Greg Loper, Leonard Spraker, and Shawn Hutchinson.

**Members Absent:** Commission Members Bill Louis and Charles Marr.

**Others Present:** Cynthia Odom – Assistant City Attorney, Chris Jacques – Planning & Community Development Director, Melissa Sigmund – Planner, and Bev Parcels – Planning Assistant.

**Opening Statement:** Read by Chris Jacques – Planning & Community Development Director.

Call for speaker request forms.

**Audience:** Ten.

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed with a “**C**” are considered to be routine by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and were enacted by one motion.

- 1C **DISPOSITION OF ABSENCE:** Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse the absences of Commission Members Leonard Spraker, Charles Marr, and Gene Sweeney from the December 6, 2012 meeting.
- 2C **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on December 6, 2012.
- 3C **CU12-0016:** Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a request from The Furshire to allow a dog and cat boarding and daycare facility at an existing building and grounds located at 8556 N. 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Loper moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickman and upon vote, carried unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

4R **PUBLIC HEARING – CU12-0014:** Green Desert Patient Center, Inc requested a Conditional Use Permit to operate a medical marijuana dispensary in an existing building within the Peoria Crossings commercial center located at 9240 W. Northern Avenue, Suite 103.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Melissa Sigmund, Planner.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** Inquiries included –

- Location of public noticing signs for the dispensary.
- Employees having background checks.
- Whether any owners had been convicted of any crime.
- Whether any silent partners exist that have not been identified.
- Any side agreements with any doctor or medical facility that would suggest the dispensary site as a business of choice for filling prescriptions for marijuana.
- No cultivation would occur on site.
- Possibility of seeds being dispensed with marijuana that could be taken and privately cultivated.
- Controls for excessive purchases and fraudulent prescriptions.
- Controls for resale of the marijuana and smoking the product in the parking lot.
- Whether any employees will be armed.
- Whether signs will be posted to prohibit patrons from bearing arms coming into the store.
- The burden on law enforcement officials due to the increase in traffic at the location.
- Who prepares the prepackaged goods and bar codes them.
- The number of dispensaries that are possible in Peoria.
- Did any neighboring businesses express any concerns about the dispensary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**J.P. Holyoak**, applicant – Answered Commission Members questions.

**Fran Atkinson**, resident – Questioned why dispensary was not being located at 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Peoria Avenue.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Loper moved to recommend approval of a request from Green Desert Patient Center, Inc for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a medical marijuana dispensary in an existing building within the Peoria Crossings commercial center located at 9240 W. Northern Avenue, Suite 103. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson and upon vote, carried 4-1.

5R **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Discussion and possible action to elect officers for 2013 including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Loper nominated Nancy Golden as Chairman; Commissioner Strickman seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously. Commissioner Hutchinson nominated Leigh Strickman as Vice Chairman; Commissioner Loper seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously. Commissioner Loper nominated Leonard Spraker as Secretary; Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion and upon vote carried unanimously.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** (Non-agenda Items): None

**REPORT FROM STAFF:** None

**REPORTS FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:** Commission Member Loper made a request to revisit the possibility of having all future packets sent electronically.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Planning and Zoning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Nancy Golden, Chair

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Date Signed