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PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES**

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**CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
68700 AVENIDA LALO GUERRERO  
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Chair Rivera	Present
Vice-Chair Rodriguez	Present
Commissioner Barnes	Present
Commissioner Hagedorn	Present
Commissioner Jaquess	Present

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Rodriguez, Planning Manager  
Paul Wilson, Fire Chief  
Erica Vega, Assistant City Attorney  
Salvador Quintanilla, Associate Planner  
Pat Milos, Community Development Director  
John Corella, City Engineer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **October 18, 2017:** Motion to approve by Commissioner Hagedorn, seconded by Vice-Chair Rodriguez; Commissioner Barnes abstained, approved 4-0

**NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

No non-public hearing items

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**Item 3.A.**

**CASE No:** Conditional Use Permit No. 14-011C

**STAFF:** Salvador Quintanilla  
Associate Planner

**APPLICANT:** Green Cross Pharma,  
Maria Scagliotti

**LOCATION:** 68730 Summit Drive (APN: 687-161-026)

**REQUEST:** Consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit Application to modify the existing floor plan and expand the operation of the medical cannabis business to distribution and transportation located at 68730 Summit Drive within the I-1 (Light Industrial) Zoning District.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve an exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section No. 15301, Class No. 1 (Existing Facilities).

Approve Conditional Use Permit Amendment No. 14-011C, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval and based on the findings contained in the staff report.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve by Vice-Chair Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Hagedorn.

**VOTING RESULTS:** APPROVED: 5-0  
AYES: Barnes, Hagedorn, Jaquess, Rivera, Rodriguez  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

**Item 3.B.**

**CASE NO:** Specific Plan Amendment Nos. 07-001A and 12-001A      **STAFF:** Erica Vega,  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPLICANT:** City of Cathedral City

**LOCATION:** North City Specific Plan area and North City Extended Specific Plan area, north of Interstate 10, east of Palm Drive, and west of Bob Hope Drive.

**REQUEST:** Amendment to the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Planning Commission resolution recommending the City Council approve an amendment to the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan allowing cannabis businesses and reducing the commercial square footage requirements in the Mixed Use-Urban district, and finding such amendments to be exempt from CEQA.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the attached Planning Commission resolution recommending the City Council approve an amendment to the North City Specific Plan and North City Extended Specific Plan allowing cannabis businesses and reducing the commercial square footage requirements in the Mixed Use-Urban district, and finding such amendments to be exempt from CEQA with the following conditions:

- No cannabis businesses shall be permitted in the Mixed Use-Neighborhood (MU-N) Zoning District.

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- Cannabis businesses in the Mixed Use-Urban (MU-U) Zoning District shall be setback a minimum of 250 feet from a residential use.
  - Cannabis uses are prohibited in a mixed-use live/work unit or development.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Vice-Chair Rodriguez.

**VOTING RESULTS:** APPROVED: 4-0  
AYES: Barnes, Hagedorn, Rivera, Rodriguez  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAINED: Jaquess

- PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- Paul Depalatis, Planning Director at MSA Consulting, spoke in support of the Specific Plan amendment.
  - Katrina Steinberg, property owner within the North City Specific Plan, spoke in support of the Specific Plan amendment.
  - Ron Schwartz, representative of a property owner within the North City Specific Plan, spoke in support of the Specific Plan amendment.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**CITY PLANNER REPORT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m.